



THE J. B. VACHHA HIGH SCHOOL FOR PARSI GIRLS

CLASS - X

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PRELIMS SEMESTE 2

Marks : 40

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

English Paper -2

(One and a half hours)

No. of sides : 5

- **Instructions :** The answer sheet must have the following details very neatly in the same order as given below :

Class and Div : _____

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- **In the top centre of the page kindly write the page number in dark and bold handwriting.**

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

The paper has four sections.

Section A is compulsory – All questions in Section A must be answered.

You must attempt one question from each of the Sections B, C and D.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets []

SECTION A

Question 1

Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options. (Do not copy the question, Write the correct answer only.)

[10]

- (i) The Olympic games mentioned in the lesson 'My Greatest Olympic Prize' takes place in the year _____.
 (a) 1935
 (b) 1932
 (c) 1936
 (d) 1940
- (ii) Who is the founder of modern Olympics?
 (a) Pierre de Coubertin
 (b) Cristiano Ronaldo
 (c) David Roth
 (d) Leigh hunt

- (iii) Which of the following words would best describe Abou Ben Adhem?
- (a) Bold and brash ✗
 - (b) Devout and compassionate ✓
 - (c) Prayerful and anxious ✗
 - (d) Dreamy and peaceful
- (iv) What event were the children in Ray Bradbury's story, 'All Summer in a Day' eagerly awaiting?
- (a) Their return to the Earth
 - (b) The arrival of the Rocket people
 - (c) Their teacher's return
 - ✓(d) The appearance of the sun
- (v) What is the climax of the story, 'All summer in a Day'?
- (a) The teacher unlocked Margot ✗
 - (b) Margot is locked in the closet
 - (c) Margot breaks the closet door down ✗
 - ✓(d) Margot gets out of the closet
- (vi) What was the unexpected thing that happened in the poem, 'Nine Gold medals'?
- (a) The shortest athlete among them stumbled, staggered and fell to his knees on the ground.
 - (b) The youngest athlete among them stumbled, staggered and fell to his knees on the ground.
 - (c) The eldest among them stopped to help the youngest runner.
 - (d) When the youngest among them fell down, everyone else continued their race.
- (vii) How does Antonio plan to respond to Shylock's insistence to collect his pound of flesh?
- (a) With anger and violence
 - (b) With begging
 - (c) With reasoning
 - ✓(d) With quietness of spirit
- (viii) Portia says that shylock can take his pound of flesh from Antonio but he must not _____.
- (a) Be too slow
 - (b) Laugh about it
 - (c) Spill any blood
 - (d) Be boastful
- (ix) Why does Nerissa chastise her husband Gratiano, who has given away her ring?
- (a) For hurting her feelings
 - ✓(b) For breaking his promise
 - (c) For being so careless
 - (d) For trading it

(x) Name the lovers whose lives ended tragically because of a misunderstanding caused by the appearance of a lion.

- (a) Troilus and Cressida
- (b) Pyramus and Thisbe
- (c) Medea and Jason
- (d) Dido and Aeneas

SECTION-B

DRAMA

(The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare - Acts 4 and 5)

Question 2

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

*Portia : The quality of mercy is not strain'd,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blessed:
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.
Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown:*

- (i) Where does this scene take place? How is Portia dressed as she enters? [2]
- (ii) What according to Portia was the only thing that could save Antonio? How did Shylock react to her request? [2]
- (iii) Why is the quality of mercy strained? How does Portia relate this line to Shylock? [3]
- (iv) Explain briefly, the reason behind Portia saying that if strict justice is followed none of them would have salvation? [3]

Question 3

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Antonio: Here, Lord Bassanio; swear to keep this ring.

- (i) To whom did Bassanio give the ring away? For whose sake did he give it away? [2]
- (ii) How does Portia react to Bassanio's excuses? [2]
- (iii) How does Antonio come to Bassanio's rescue? What does it show about his character? [3]
- (iv) How does Portia reveal that she had disguised herself as the doctor? [3]

Question 3

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

"Did I come so 3000 miles for this?" I thought bitterly. "To foul out the trials and make a fool of myself?"

- (i) Who travelled 3000 miles? How did the speaker react to his performance? [2]
- (ii) Describe briefly the appearance of the man who comforted and guided the speaker. [2]
- (iii) What was the advice given to the speaker to qualify for the finals? How did it prove to be successful? [3]
- (iv) Give the significance of the '24-carat friendship' that the speaker felt for his rival Luz Long. [3]

Question 4

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Then smiling they returned and went out and back down the tunnel, just as the teacher arrived. "Ready, children?" she glanced at her watch. "Yes!" said everyone. "Are we all here?" "Yes!"

- (i) What were the children all getting ready to witness? Why? [2]
- (ii) Who was missing? What happened to her? [2]
- (iii) Why did the children hate Margot? [3]
- (iv) Justify the appropriateness of the title of the lesson, 'All Summer in a Day'. [3]

SECTION D

POETRY

(Treasure Trove – A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 5

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

About Ben Adhem (May his tribe increase!)

Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,

And saw, within the moonlight in his room,

Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,

- (i) Who was Abou Ben Adhem? What is meant by, 'May his tribe increase'? [2]
- (ii) Explain the meaning of: *deep dream of peace*.
How could Abou have peace? [2]

- (iii) What did Abou encounter upon awakening? Bring out the significance of the 'book of gold'. [3]
- (iv) Highlight the supernatural element in the poem. [3]

Question 6

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

*He gave out a cry of frustration and anguish
His dreams and his efforts all dashed in the dirt.
But as sure as I'm standing here telling this story.
Now it's a strange one, but here's what occurred.
The eight other runners stopped in their tracks.
The ones who had trained for so long to compete
One by one they all turned round and came back to help him
And lifted the lad to his feet.*

- (i) Who is 'he' referred to here? Why did he give a cry of frustration? [2]
- (ii) What strange thing happened? [2]
- (iii) What were the nine participants awarded with? Why? [3]
- (iv) How does David Roth bring out the main theme of sportsmanship in his poem, 'Nine Gold Medals'? [3]