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FIRST PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (2021- 22)
SUBJECT: - LITERATURE

STD:- X

Date:- 11/02/2022

Marks: - 40

Time :- 1 ½ Hours

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

You will not be allowed to write during the first 10 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

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. Which of the following quotes suggests it would be bad for Venice if Shylock did not get his bond?
 - a) "What judgement shall I dread, doing no wrong?"
 - b) " 'Tis mine and I will have it."
 - c) "Let the danger light
Upon your charter and your city's freedom"
 - d) "I have possessed your grace of what I purpose;"
- ii. Shylock uses the word 'viands' to argue that perhaps the Christians should treat their slaves fairly. What does 'viands' mean?
 - a) marriage
 - b) food
 - c) beds
 - d) burdens
- iii. Where does Portia tell Lorenzo that she has been?
 - a) in the courtroom in Venice
 - b) tending to the work of a wife
 - c) visiting her uncle in Padua
 - d) praying for their husbands' welfare
- iv. What makes Margot different from the rest of her classmates in Bradbury's story 'All Summer in a Day'?
 - a) She is a native Venusian.
 - b) She remembers the Sun.

- c) She has extraordinary powers.
 - d) She cannot talk.
- v. The author's description of Margot as "a very frail girl...an old photograph dusted from an album" indicates ...
- a) Margot is undernourished.
 - b) Margot lacks liveliness, energy and vitality.
 - c) Margot feels colourless.
 - d) Margot dresses in an old-fashioned way.
- vi. An angry athlete is an athlete who will _____.
- a) never go wrong
 - b) always win
 - c) will not participate
 - d) make mistakes
- vii. The motto of the Olympics is:
- a) Slow and steady wins the race.
 - b) Participation is important than winning.
 - c) The faster, higher, stronger, the better.
 - d) Winning is more important than participation.
- viii. How did Abou Ben Adhem speak to the angel?
- a) with humility
 - b) rudely
 - c) proudly
 - d) He didn't speak at all.
- ix. The poem Abou Ben Adhem is rooted in a purely _____ context.
- a) spiritual
 - b) secular
 - c) modern
 - d) sarcastic
- x. The contestants of the race receive a standing ovation because
- a) They are challenged in various ways and not used to sports.
 - b) They thought it more important to help than to get a medal.
 - c) They don't like competition and don't care about winning.
 - d) They won gold medals in the race.

SECTION – B

DRAMA

Question 2

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

Duke: What, is Antonio here?

Antonio: Ready, so please your grace.

Duke: I am sorry for thee: thou art come to
 Answer, A stony adversary, an inhuman wretch
 Uncapable of pity, void and empty
 From any dram of mercy.

- i. What are the terms of the bond that Antonio has signed? [2]
- ii. Why does the Duke call Shylock 'inhuman'? What does the Duke expect Shylock to do? [2]
- iii. State three examples Antonio gives to illustrate Shylock's stubborn attitude. [3]
- iv. How is Shylock's property distributed at the end by Antonio? Do you think Shylock deserves the punishment given to him? Give a reason to justify your answer. [3]

Question 3

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

Stephano: Stephano is my name; and I bring word,
 My mistress will before the break of day
 Be here at Belmont:
 She doth stray about Holy crosses, where
 She kneels and prays for happy wedlock hours.

- i. Where does the scene take place? Who is Stephano? [2]
- ii. Where did Portia and Nerissa really go after Bassanio and Gratiano had left for Venice? What had happened to Antonio's ships? [2]
- iii. What was the deed? Why did Shylock ask to collect the document from his house? [3]
- iv. How is Jessica and Lorenzo's love story linked to love story of Portia and Bassanio? [3]

SECTION - C

PROSE - SHORT STORIES

Question 4

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

For the next few minutes we talked together. I didn't tell Long what was 'eating' me, but he seemed to understand my anger and he took pains to reassure me. Although he'd been schooled in the Nazi Youth Movement, he didn't believe in the Aryan-Supremacy business any more than I did. We laughed over the fact that he really took the part, though. An inch taller than I, he had a lean, muscular frame...

- i. Why did Jesse Owens foul the first two jumps in the trial? [2]
- ii. Did Luz Long understand the situation? How did he help Owens to regain his confidence? [2]
- iii. How did Luz Long help Jesse Owens? [3]
- iv. What did Luz Long share with Jesse Owens? How did his advice affect Jesse's performance? [3]

Question 5

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

They stood as if someone had driven them, like so many stakes, into the floor. They looked at each other and then looked away. They glanced out at the world that was raining now and raining and raining steadily. They could not meet each other's glances. Their faces were solemn and pale. They looked at their hands and feet, their faces down.

- i. Who reminded the children of Margot? Where was she? [2]
- ii. Why were the children ashamed of themselves? [2]
- iii. Discuss the ending of the story 'All Summer in a Day' [3]
- iv. Give the character sketch of Margot. [3]

SECTION - D

POETRY

Question 6

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow

And to the presence in the room he said, "What writest thou?" - The vision raised his head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord, Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."

- i. What did Abou Ben Adhem want to know when the angel told him that it was writing the names of those who loved God and why? [2]
- ii. What was the effect of the angel's answer on Abou's tone? [2]
- iii. What did Ben Adhem request the angel to do? Why? [3]
- iv. Comment on the significance of the 'book of gold' [3]

Question 7

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

Then all nine runners joined hands and continued
The one hundred metres reduced to a walk
And the banner above that said 'Special Olympics'
Could not have been nearer the mark.

- i. What was unusual for the spectators? [2]
- ii. Mention the significance of 'joined hands and continued'. [2]
- iii. Were the other eight runners selfish? Give reasons to support your answer. [3]
- iv. Write a short note on the human qualities that the poem celebrates. [3]