



FIRST TERM TEST - 2012
KOTTAWA NORTH DHARMAPAL VIDYALAYA

GRADE 11

ENGLISH
LITERATURE

TIME :- 2 hours

Name :- In- num. :- Class :-

- Answer the question one and four other selecting one from each section Poetry, Drama, Prose and Fiction. Hand writing should be readable.

Part - I

- Answer all questions in part I

01 Read the following extracts and answer the question given below each extract.

(1) "In vain - it mattered not a pin

The pigtail hung behind him"

(a) From where are these lines taken? who wrote them ? (01 marks)

(b) What does it refer to ? (02 marks)

(c) "It mattered not a pin" put this in to normal order of words. What do you call this change in the order of words in literature? (02 marks)

(2) "And now suppose you put the chops on"

(a) From where are these words taken ? Who wrote them ? (01 marks)

(b) Who speaks these words and to whom ? (02 marks)

(c) What effect does this sentence have on the whole incident ? (02 marks)

(3) "In South Africa it is hard for a man to ignore the needs of the people even at the expense of his family. I had made my choice and in the end she supported it"

(a) From which text are these lines taken ? (01 marks)

(b) Who speaks these words ? To whom? (02 marks)

(c) What is the choice he had made and who supported it ? (02 marks)

(4) "It is bound to come sooner or later and the natural desire of old age is a quiet country life"

(a) From which text are these lines taken ? Who wrote them ? (01 marks)

(b) Who speaks these words and to whom ? (02 marks)

(c) What do you think of the kind of relationship that existed between these two people ? (02 marks)

A "I am very happy Jane. When you hear that I am dead. You must not grieve. There is nothing to be sad about. We all must die one day, and my illness is not painful. It is gentle and gradual, and my mind is at rest. I leave no one behind to miss me. I have only a father and lately he has married again. By dying young I shall escape much suffering. I have not any talents which would succeed in the world. I should continually have been at fault."

- (1) What is the scene here, where is it taking place ? (02 marks)
- (2) Which line says that death is better than life ? (02 marks)
- (3) The speaker is giving Jane an advice, what is it ? (02 marks)
- (4) What is the speaker's attitude towards life and death ? (04 marks)

B "Ask, ask, ask, the government all you like. Do you think the government has ears and can hear ? Do you think the government has eyes and can see? I tell you the government has only a mouth with which it eats - eats our taxes, eats our land, eats the poor. Take my advice and keep clear of the government. Don't ask it for any thing, don't depend on it for anything.

- (1) Who is the speaker and to whom is he speaking ? (02 marks)
- (2) What does the government do with its mouth ? (02 marks)
- (3) What is the advice he is giving to the listener? Is it sound advice ? why ? (02 marks)
- (4) What is the tone of the speaker ? (04 marks)

Part - II

02 You are old father William - Lewis Carrol is a humorous poem. But under the humour we can see a serious message being conveyed to us. Is this true? Give your reasons. (15 marks)

03 The poem A Mihor Bird by Robert Frost is a reflective poem. Do you agree ? Give reasons. (15 marks)

Part - III

04 What are the human weakness conveyed in the Drama "Villa for sale" (15 marks)

05 Everyman deals with the life after death. It gives us an insight to our own selves. Is this true ? (15 marks)

Part - IV

06 In South Africa it is hard for a man to ignore the needs of the people even at the expense of his own family. This statement sums up the destiny of the African people, Comment. (15 marks)

07 It is not the foolishness but the genuine love which made Della to sell her hair. Comment. (15 marks)

Part - V

08 Describe the character of Jane Eyre. What features in her character appeal to you most ? (15 marks)

09 Write a character, sketch of Hari in Anita Desai's "Village by the sea" (15 marks)