

# Year End Examination - 2015

## APPRECIATION OF ENGLISH LITERARY TEXTS

Grade 11

Time: 03 hours

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- Answer question 01 and four others selecting one from each section Poetry, Drama, Prose, and Fiction.

### Part - I

#### Section - A

- Answer all questions.

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

- (i) "Ceasar beat the Goals"  
Was there not even a cook in him army ? "  
(a) From where are these lines taken ? Who wrote them ?  
(b) What does the poet try to emphasize through this example ?  
(c) What is the tone of the poet ? (5 Marks)
- (ii) "You French people have a cute way of doing business. You go and tell your boss that if he doesn't come right away, I'm going."  
(a) From where are these lines taken ? Who wrote them ? (5 Marks)  
(b) Who speaks these words ? To whom are these said ?  
(c) What impression of the speaker do you get from these words ?
- (iii) "Della's beautiful hair fell about rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters."  
(a) From which text is this extract taken ? Who wrote it ?  
(b) Explain the simile used in this extract ? What image does it create ?  
(c) Della's hair is described as something very valuable ? Why ? (5 Marks)
- (iv) "Cursed you, false hope. ! You deceived me, you traitor "  
(a) From where are these lines taken ? Who wrote it ?  
(b) Who speaks these words ? What is this situation ?  
(c) What does the speaker understand at this point about friends ? (5 Marks)
- (v) "And priests in black gowns were walking their rounds. And binding with briars my joys and desires. "  
(a) From where is this extract taken ? Name the writer ?  
(b) Explain in your own words "binding with briars my joys and desires "  
(c) What is the speakers attitude to the priests in black gown ? (5 Marks)
- (vi) "I do not have words to express the sorrow, or the loss I felt. It left a hole in my heart that can never be felt. "  
(a) From which text are these lines taken ? Who wrote them ?  
(b) What is the loss he felt according to the extract ?  
(c) What is his attitudes towards the situation ? (5 Marks)

#### Section - B

- Answer the questions in either (a) or (b)

(a) Read the following extract and answer the questions at the end.

"A band of men, boys and mongrels had invaded the dense shrubbery that surrounded the creek. All the quiet birds that haunted it - the moor, hen, the herons, the kindfishers and egrets - had flown. The men were trampling down the pandanus, breaking the slim stems of the casuarinas and beating the rushes and grasses with the long sticks they carried, howling and yelling as if they were cavemen hunting in ancient times."

- (i) What is the situation described here ? (2 Marks)
- (ii) What is the effect created by invasion to the quiet environment ? (2 Marks)

- (iii) Write the meaning of the followings in your own words. (2 Marks)  
 (a) Mongrels (b) yelling
- (iv) What attitude do you create towards these people? (4 Marks)

**or**

- (b) Read the following extract and answer the questions at the end.

"I took up my muff and walked on up to the village. The incident had brought interest to my rather monotonous life, and I was pleased to have done something of active help.

The new face, too was interesting. I saw it still as I entered Hay and posted the letter. I had it before me as I walked fast down the hill on the way home. When I came again to the stile, I stopped for a minute, half expecting the ring of a horse's hoots again on the road, and the gliding shadow of a great Newfoundland dog."

- (i) Who speaks these and what was the incident happened here? (2 Marks)
- (ii) What is the reason for monotonous life described here? (2 Marks)
- (iii) Write the meaning of the following in your own words.  
 (a) The ring of a horse's hoofs.  
 (b) Gliding shadow. (2 Marks)
- (iv) What do you think about the feeling of the speaker and the reasons for them? (4 Marks)

## Part II

### Poetry

- Answer one question only.

- 02 Though funny at moments, one becomes seriously aware of the passage of life in Shakespeare's "The Seven Ages of Man." Give your opinion on this statement.
- 03 Why do you think the poem Night Mail is included under the theme of society? Explain taking examples from the poem.
- 04 Compare and contrast the two characters, father William and the young man in the poem "You are old father William."
- 05 What social injustice is highlighted in "A Worker Reads History"? Do you think that it can be applicable to the modern society? Explain. (15 Marks)

### Drama

- Answer one question only.

- 06 In Everyman the reader is made to realize that values are being distorted by human beings which lead to moral degradation. Do you agree? Give reasons referring to the text.
- 07 "Humour is an essential part in life. But the characters in The Villa for Sale" used it to achieve their end." Illustrate your answer taking examples from the text. (15 marks)

### Prose

- Answer one question only.

- 08 Discuss the themes of the Prose The Happy Prince by Oscar Wilde.
- 09 Do you justify Mandela's sacrifice for the rights of his people? Explain.
- 10 "Chumley is victim of human insensitivity to animals." Do you agree? Explain with examples.
- 11 What features of Della's character emerge as a result of her selling her full length beautiful hair to buy a gift for Jim. Discuss with close reference to the text. (15 Marks)

### Fiction

- Answer one question only.

- 12 "Lack of formal education does not affect Hari to become a successful character." Would you agree? Discuss taking examples from the novel Village by the Sea by Anita Desai.
- 13 The education at Lowood is a great support to Jane to be an independent character. Discuss in relation to the novel Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë. (15 marks)