



Devi Balika Vidyalaya – Colombo 8  
1<sup>st</sup> Term Test - 2016

English Literature

Grade - 10

Time :2hrs.

Name : .....

❖ Hand writing should be readable.

**Part I**

**Section A – Answer all questions (20 marks)**

(1) “Dost thou withdraw; then **the wolf rages** wide, and then the **lion glares** through the dun forest”

a. From where are these lines taken? Who wrote them?

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b. Who is the ‘thou’ here?

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c. What is implied by the underlined phrases?

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(5 marks)

(2) “But she spent an hour or two in trivial gardening operations among **flower beds** and **shrubberies**”

a. From where are these lines taken? Who wrote them?

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b. Who is ‘she’ here?

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c. Why did she happen to act in the above manner?

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(5 marks)

a. From where is the line taken? Whose work of art is this?

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b. What does the under lined phrase refer to?

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c. What idea is brought out by this line in accordance with the power of the 'mighty'?

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(5 marks)

(4) 'It was her habit whenever one of the children fell from grace, to improvise something of a festival nature from which the offender would be rigorously debarred.'

a. From where is this line taken? Who wrote it?

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b. Whose habit is referred to here?

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c. Explain a characteristic of the person mentioned here.

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(5 marks)

## Part II

### Section B - Poetry answer one question only (15 marks)

- (1) Although Tennyson's poem 'The Eagle' is a delightful description of nature, it also implies of human attributes. Discuss with reference to the poem.
- (2) "The Evening Star by William Blake is presented as the cause of all the magical beauty of the evening." Give your opinion. Use relevant quotations.

### Section C - Prose answer one question only (15 marks)

- (1) "The Aunt in the prose 'Lumber Room' by Saki belongs to a very conventional, narrow minded generation where as Nicholas is very imaginative and thoughtful. Support this idea referring to the prose passage.