



Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province



Third Term Examination – 2017

English Literature – Grade 11

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Time: 3 Hours

(46) Appreciation of English Literary Texts

Part I

Read the following extracts and answer the Questions given below

1. Life ah Life

What would I do without this clown of a wife

- Where are the lines taken from? Name the writer?
- Whose utterances are these? What is the situation?
- What is understood by these utterances of the speaker? (05 marks)

2. Flaring high and fast

Has both sides in its grip and promises

Dizzier scores than any at the oval

- Where are the lines taken from? Name the writer?
- What does the writer mean by the utterance “flaring high and past”?
- What is the idea conveyed through the last lines? (05 marks)

3. She had grown suspicious at his long disappearance and had kept to the conclusion that he had climbed over the wall behind the sheltering screen of the lilac bushes

- Name the text which the extract has been taken from? Who has written it?
- Who are referred to as ‘she’ and ‘he’?
- What qualities of “he” are evident in the above extract (05 marks)

4. Mother whose heart hung humble as a button
on the bright splendid shroud of your son

- Name the work which these lines are taken from?
- What is the situation referred to? Who are the affected parties?
- Why did mother’s heart hang humble like a button? (05 marks)

5. “No, you don’t. You’re a rude, ill-bred man! Decent people don’t talk to a woman like that!”

- Name the work which these words are taken from. Name the writer?
- Describe the tone of the speaker?
- What social attitudes are reflected in this extract? (05 marks)

6. Yes, that’s what the town-folk call it. They say cloth of that sort cannot be seen unless they go to Ten Jiku (heaven). It’s as valuable as that.

- Which work is this extract taken? Who wrote it?
- What does ‘it’ refer to? How do the town-folk feel about it?
- What aspect of ‘it’ is brought out in this extract? (05 marks)

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Part B - Answer question in either (a), (b) or (c) either.

(a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it.

'For five minutes the air quacked with shouts and the crash of musical instruments, and was white with a storm of waving handkerchiefs, and through it all a ragged lad, the most conspicuous figure in England, stood flushed and happy and proud, in the center of the spacious platform, with the great vassals, of the kingdom kneeling around him.'

- 1) What is the situation referred to in the passage? Where does it take place? (02 marks)
- 2) How did the most conspicuous figure in England behave at this moment? (02 marks)
- 3) Write the meanings of the following words and phrases (02 marks)
 - a) The spacious platform
 - b) Vassals
- 4) What is the attitude to royalty reflected in this passage? (04 marks)

OR

(b) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it.

I sprang up and twisted and turned and bent trying to pull the books from behind my back, and the grey woman and her son with the square face were staring at me like I was the craziest thing they had encountered in their lives. The books were partially wet with sweat but still had the smell of fresh biscuits and I was grinning from ear to ear and wanting to shout and scream with joy and not caring hoot what the grey woman and her square faced son thought"

- 1) What is the situation presented in the paragraph? Where does this take place? (02 marks)
- 2) Why was the narrator happy? (02 marks)
- 3) Explain the following in your own words: (02 marks)
 - a) the craziest thing
 - b) not caring a hoot
- 4) Which theme in the novel do the events in this passage relate to? (04 marks)

OR

(c) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it.

"You pay attention to every detail. I have often wanted to ask you, why did you choose this business? Rather a specialized job, isn't it?"

"When I was in jail I was given kitchen duties, and after coming out this seemed to me as good a business as any other." He was slipping into a reminiscent mood, much to the relief of the cousin. "But the reputation of the shop is all due to Sivaraman:- but for him I don't know where I would be. I wanted to serve the public in my own way by making available pure sweets, particularly for poor children.

1. What is the situation described in the passage? Who are the speakers? (02 marks)
2. What made the second speaker start his business? (02 marks)
3. What do the following phrases meant? (02 marks)
 - a) A specialized job
 - b) Reminiscent mood
4. Which aspect of the second speaker's character are reflected in this passage? (04 marks)

Part II

Poetry

Answer one question only

02. Lord Tenyson's "The Eagle" really brings the wild rule "Survival is the fittest" in to our mind. Discuss?
03. Gabriel Okara in his poem "Once upon a time" expresses his regret about his fake behavior in the modern society" Comment referring to the poem?
04. "The Huntsman" is a blend of funny and unfunny aspect of life, the elements of suspense and irony create a shocking impact. Do you agree, Explain?
05. "The Poem "Farewell to Barn and Stack and Tree" shows a swift action of an individual and how he confuses for his guilt in despair". Express your opinion on this statement with proper examples
06. We should not judge people by their appearance. Discuss this statement in relation to the poem "Richard Cory" (15 marks)

Drama

Answer one question only

07. "Both Popova and Smirnov are the chips off the same block" Discuss?
08. "Though Twilight of Crane seems to be a folk tale. It really centers around the thoughts of Marxism? Explain (15 marks)

Pros

Answer one question only

09. "Adults must be very careful in punishing children unnecessarily" How far is it true with regard to the short story "The Lumber Room" by Saki?
10. "The Nightingale and the Rose" is the Romantic story revolves around the theme of sacrifice and presents the Nightingale as a sacrificial hero. Show how far this opinion can be proven in the context of the story?
11. "The Lahore Attack depicts the pride and admiration for his own culture and country" Discuss?
13. "Wave by Sonali Deraniyagala reveals the author's gruesome and poignant experience which is selfish and selfless at the same time" Discuss referring to the event in the prose? (15 marks)

Fiction

Answer one Question only

14. Explain how the theme of tradition verses modernity is presented in the Vendor of sweet?
15. Displacement and alienation of humans due to lost relationships are highlighted in the novel "Bringing Tony Home" Discuss with reference to the novel?
16. The story "Prince and Pauper" reflects class segregation" Discuss this notion with reference to the Novel? (15 marks)