



**Mock Exam 2**

**SUBJECT- ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**CLASS-X**

F.M:80

TIME:2HRS

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 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.

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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 and one other question from any section of your choice.

The intended marks for the questions or parts of the questions are given in the brackets [ ].

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**Section A**

**(Attempt all questions from this section)**

**Question 1**

Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate response from the choices given below. (Do not copy the question- simply write in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase.) (16]

**i. How does Lorenzo recognize Portia even before he sees her when the two young women return from Venice ?**

- a. by the clothes she wears
- b. by the sound of her voice
- c. by the perfume she wears
- d. by her touch

**ii. Which of the following words would you use to describe Lorenzo's feelings after seeing Launcelot and Jessica together ?**

i. he is jovial   ii. he pretends to be jealous   iii. he is rude   iv. he is rejuvenated

a.ii

b.iii

c. ii and iv

d.iv

**iii. What special 'deed of gift' does Jessica give to Lorenzo at the end of the play ?**

- a. The news that Shylock had forgiven Jessica and Lorenzo for eloping
- b. The bond signed by Shylock making Lorenzo heir to all his wealth
- c. The three thousand ducats that Antonio owed to Shylock
- d. The news that Shylock had agreed to become a Christian.

**iv. Antonio says that trying to reason with Shylock was like.....**

- a. standing on the beach and ordering the waves to wash away the sands
- b. reasoning with an ewe which was crying out in distress at the loss of her lamb
- c. trying to soften a rock
- d. commanding the pine trees on the mountainside to remain quiet and motionless when battered by strong wind

**v. Why does Bassanio reject the silver casket ?**

- a. He dislikes it.
- b. Outer appearances are deceptive
- c. Silver is common and travels from one hand to another
- d. It proved to be a curse for Midas

**vi. When Shylock enters the courtroom ,what does the Duke suggest has been Shylock's plan all along?**

- a. To demand the forfeiture of the bond
- b. In the end, to show great mercy towards Antonio
- c. To take double the amount of loan
- d. To accept payment late from Antonio

**vii. Which term does the poet use to refer to the angel in 'Abou Ben Adhem '?**

- a. Moonlight
- b. Lily
- c. Sweet accord

d. Presence.

**viii. Which of the following is an example of personification in 1 Know why the Caged Bird Sings**

- a. The trade winds soft through the sighing trees
- b. Orange sunrays
- c. His wings are clipped and feet are tied
- d. The caged bird looks through bars of rage

**ix. The poem 'Nine Gold Medal' teaches that the world now needs**

- a.Cooperation
- b.Collaboration
- c.Compassion
- d.Consideration

**x. What form of a poem is 'The Patriot' ?**

- a. Sonnet
- b. Ballad
- c.Dramatic Monologue
- d.Parable

**xi. "What wealth the show to me had brought." In the poem 'Daffodils', 'wealth' means.....**

- a.stars
- b .pleasure
- c.waves
- d.gold

**xii. What is Joe Thompson's usual reaction to his wife's sharp words?**

- a.He tends to talk back and put his point across.
- b.He stays non-combative and maintains silence
- c.He walks off and ignores the conversation
- d.He yells at her

**xiii. Choose the option that lists the sequence of events in the correct order**

1. William led the group in grabbing Margot and locking her in a closet

2. After waiting for seven long years, it was the predicted day when the sun would briefly appear
3. They exchanged guilty and chastened glances, and slowly, against the backdrop of the dreadful rain, they walked towards the silent closet and set Margot free.
4. Margot's refusal to participate in activities unrelated to the sun further isolated her
  - a. 1,2,3,4
  - b. 2,4,1,3
  - c. 1,3,2,4
  - d. 3,1,4,2

**Xiv .What do the matchsticks represent in the story, 'The Little Match Girl'?**

- a.They are a symbol of warmth
- b.They are a symbol of man's celebration
- c. They are a symbol of haplessness
- d. They are a symbol of hope

**xv. What helped the the crocodile in The Blue Bead' to grow to his present size ?**

- a.Cold water and plenty of insects
- b.Tepid water and plenty of rotted food
- c.Hot water and plenty of fresh air
- d. Plenty of small fish as food

**xvi. Select the option that shows the correct relationship between statements (1) and (2) from 'My Greatest Olympic Prize.'**

1. Jesse fouled in the first two trial leaps
  2. Jesse was very frustrated and kicked the ground in disgust
- a. 1 is the cause for 2
  - b. 1 is an example of 2
  - c. 1 is independent of 2
  - d. 1 is a contradiction of 2

### **Section B-Drama**

**(The Merchant of Venice by william Shakespeare)**

**Question 2** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Shylock :You have among you many a purchas'd slave,

Which, like your asses and your dogs and mules,

You use in abject and in slavish parts,  
Because you bought them; shall I say to you  
'Let them be free, marry them to your heirs ?  
Why sweat they under burdens ? let their beds  
Be made as soft as yours, and let their palates  
Be season'd with such viands ?

- What offer of Bassanio is turned down by Shylock ? What does Shylock reply after the offer is made ? [3]
- How does the Duke respond to Shylock's insistence on the bond ? [3]
- What argument does Shylock advance for insisting on the pound of flesh ? [3]
- On what grounds could the Duke dismiss the court ? Who comes to meet the Duke immediately after this ? [3]
- Why according to Shylock, his claim could not be denied ? Mention two aspects of Shylock's character revealed here. [4]

**Question 3** \_ Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Portia: If you had known the virtue of the ring,  
Or half her worthiness that gave the ring,  
Or your own honour to contain the ring  
You would not have parted with the ring

- Which ring is referred to ? What is the significance of this ring for Portia ? [3]
- Why does Bassanio part with this ring ? [3]
- Mention another character in this scene who parts with his ring ? How does he describe his ring when Portia questions him earlier in this scene? [3]
- What assurance does Antonio offer to Portia later in the scene ? Why does he assure her ? [3]
- What does Portia give to Antonio after his assurance? What role does the ring play at the end of the play ? [4]

### Section C- Prose

(Treasure Trove-A Collection of Poems and Short Stories)

**Question 4** Read the extract from Jesse Owens' short story, 'My Greatest Olympic Prize' and answer the questions that follow:

An angry athlete is an athlete who will make mistakes, as any coach will tell you. I was no exception.

a. Describe Jesse Owens' frame of mind when he set out to take part in the Olympic Games.

[3]

b. Whom did Owens see at the trials? Why was he surprised? [3]

c. How did Jesse's anger affect his performance? How did he feel? [3]

d. Who approached Jesse Owens? What advice did Owens get from this person? [3]

e. What did Pierre de Coubertin say about the Olympics? How is his motto proved to be true in this short story? [4]

**Question 5** Read the extract from Hans Christian Andersen's short story, 'The Little Match Girl' and answer the questions that follow:

"She was evidently trying to warm herself," they said. But no one knew what beautiful visions she had seen and in what a blaze of glory she had entered with her dear old grandmother into the heavenly joy and gladness of a new year.

- a. Who said "She was evidently trying to keep herself warm"? Why was she trying to keep herself warm? [3]
- b. What was the vision that the little match girl saw when she lit the first match? [3]
- c. What did the little girl realize when she saw the shooting star earlier that night? [3]
- d. How did the little girl's grandmother look? What did she say to her grandmother? [3]
- e. Why were the visions of the little girl beautiful? What is regarded as heavenly joy and gladness and why? [4]

#### Section D -Poetry

(Treasure Trove- A Collection of ICSE poems and short stories)

**Question 6** Read the extract given below from the poem 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth and answer the questions that follow:

Continuous as the stars that shine .

And twinkle on the milky way

They stretched in never-ending line

Along the margin of a bay:

- a. Explain the comparison in the above extract [3]
- b. Where does the poet come across the daffodils ? [3]
- c. What does 'never -ending line' signify ? Mention two other words or phrases from the poem which convey the idea of 'never-ending line'. [3]
- d. How do these daffodils help the poet when he is in pensive mood ? [3]
- e. Comment on Wordsworth as a nature poet in the poem 'Daffodils'. [4]

**Question 7** Read the extract given below from the poem 'The Patriot' by Robert Browning and answer the questions that follow:

There's nobody on the house-tops now  
Just a palsied few at the windows set;  
For the best of the sight is ,all allow,  
All the Shambles' Gate- or, better yet, By the very scaffold's foot, I trow

- a. Who is the speaker ? Where is he being taken and why? [3]
- b. Describe the scene when he had walked down the same street a year ago. [3]
- c. Where have the people gathered ? Why ? [3]
- d. Describe the speaker's physical condition. [3]
- e. What is the speaker's state of mind at the end of the poem ? What does the poem reveal about the attitude of public? [4]

