

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, DEHRADUN

2ND UNIT TEST DECEMBER, 2023-24

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LITERATURE

CLASS: VIII

M.M.: 20 TIME: 45 MINUTES

NAME OF THE STUDENT.....CLASS/SECTION.....ROLL NO.....

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS INSTRUCTED:

Question 1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

[6]

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black
Oh, I kept the first for another day!

Robert Frost

- (i) Name the poet. What do his poems depict? *American rural life*
(ii) What is referred to as 'both' in the above extract? How were they equal?
(iii) What was the speaker doubtful of? Why?

[1]

[2]

[3]

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

[6]

Jim was never late. Della doubled the fob chain in her hand and sat on the corner of the table. Then she heard his step on the stair down on the first flight and she turned white for just a moment.

- promised flat \$8/week \$20*
(i) Where did Jim and Della live? How much did Jim earn for a living?
(ii) Why did Della turn white? What had she done?
(iii) What did Jim bring for Della? What was his reaction on seeing Della? How did Della reassure Jim?

[1]

[2]

[3]

*set of beautiful combs, pure tortoiseshell with jewelled rims
an expression which she could not read. Not anger/impulse disapproval
chance, stared at her fixedly with that peculiar expression on his face*

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Question 3. Answer the following question in detail:

[5]

Who were the Magi? Why has the author compared Jim and Della to the Magi? Explain.

Question 4. Give the meanings of:

[1X3=3]

1. truant.

student who stays away from school without permission

2. diverged.

branched off

3. unassuming

not arrogant, modest