

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, DEHRADUN
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION SEPTEMBER, 2022-23

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LITERATURE CLASS: VIII M.M.70 TIME 2 HOURS
NAME OF THE STUDENT.....CLASS/SECTION.....ROLL NO.....

SECTION-A [40 MARKS]

Reference to Context

ATTEMPT 'ANY FOUR' QUESTIONS FROM SECTION 'A'

Q1. " My father ordered it to be removed".

(a) Name the poem and the poet. (MCQ) [2]

- (i) Feeling of the Banyan tree, Philip Chitre
- (ii) Falling of the Banyan Tree, Nilip Chitre
- (iii) Felling of the Banyan Tree, Dilip Chitre
- (iv) Failing of the Banyan Tree, Dilipa Chitre

(b) What did the poet's grandmother call 'it'? What did 'it' stand like? (MCQ) [2]

- (i) huge, monster
- (ii) pure, ape
- (iii) scarred, mistake
- (iv) sacred, problem

(c) Give a brief description of 'it'. Name some other trees which were also cut down. [3]

(d) Why was 'it' a problem? Narrate how 'it' was removed. What happened thereafter? [3]

Q2. 'Then his eye caught sight of the man who had written the terrible word on the wall.'

(a) The story from which the above line has been taken was set against the backdrop of which revolution? When did the story begin? (MCQ) [2]

- (i) English, 1757
- (iii) German, 1785

- (ii) French, 1775
- (iv) Moroccan, 1795

(b) The story talks about which place in Paris? Which terrible word had the man written on the wall? (MCQ) [2]

- (ii) Saint Antony, shoot
- (iii) Saint Antonio, murder
- (iv) Saint Antoine, blood
- (v) Saint Anthony, kill

(c) Whose eye caught sight of the man? Describe him. [3]

(d) Narrate the struggle witnessed in this place in the beginning of the lesson. [3]

Q3. "Two vast and trunkless legs of stone stand in the desert."

(a) Name the poet. He was considered controversial for writing on which theme? (MCQ) [2]

- (i) Mercy Bysshe Shelley, violence
- (ii) Tripsy Bysshe Shelley, devotion
- (iii) Percy Bysshe Shelley, atheism
- (iv) Mary Bysshe Shelley, worship

- (b) Who is the speaker here? Who is being described here? (MCQ) [2]
 (i) narrator, grandfather (ii) traveller, Ozymandias
 (ii) duke, traveller (iv) grandfather, duke
- (c) What was written on the pedestal of the statue? Explain in your own words. [3]
 (d) Give a detailed description of the statue. [3]

Q4. 'When he heard the results he broke down and cried.'

- (a) Name the author of the lesson. Name his best known novel. (MCQ) [2]
 (i) Munshi Premchand, Godan
 (ii) Manish Premchand, Shakuntala
 (iii) Ramesh Premchand, Gitanjali
 (iv) Somesh Premchand, The Guide
- (b) Who is 'he' here? How old were the two brothers? (MCQ) [2]
 (i) narrator, 8 and 13 years
 (ii) elder brother, 9 and 14 years
 (iii) younger brother 10 and 12 years
 (iv) eldest brother, 10, 13 years
- (c) Why did 'he' break down? What thoughts came into the younger sibling's mind immediately after the above line? [3]
 (d) What change came over 'him' after 'he' had failed? How did the narrator take advantage of it? [3]

Q5. 'Go get it and wish.'

- (a) Who is the speaker speaking to? What does the word 'it' refer to? (MCQ) [2]
 (i) Mrs. White, book
 (ii) Mr. White, talisman
 (iii) Herbert, box
 (iv) Major Morris, bag
- (b) Who gave 'it' to them? Who looked at 'it' with disgust? (MCQ) [2]
 (i) Herbert, Major Morris
 (ii) Mr. White, visitor
 (iii) Major Morris, Mrs. White
 (iv) Mrs White, stranger
- (c) What was the tale associated with 'it'? How was 'it' supposed to be used? [3]
 (d) What does the speaker ask the listener to wish for? Why? Explain. [3]

Q6. 'Bhagajang is a typical high altitude wetland.'

- (a) In which state and district does the Bhagajang lie? (MCQ) [2]
 (i) Madhya Pradesh, Nawang District
 (ii) Arunachal Pradesh, Tawang District
 (iii) Himachal Pradesh, Kangra District
 (iv) Uttar Pradesh, Chamoli District
- (b) How many lakes does it have? How far is it from the national highway? (MCQ) [2]
 (i) 19 lakes, 28 km
 (ii) 21 lakes, 38 km
 (iii) 22 lakes, 18 km
 (iv) 18 lakes, 20 km

- (c) To which three major rivers does the Bhagajang act as a reservoir? What festivals do the Buddhists celebrate there? [3]
- (d) What makes Bhagajung a biodiversity hotspot? Elaborate its flora and fauna? [3]

SECTION-B [22 MARKS]
ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

- Q1. With reference to the lesson 'Elder Brother', write about the dressing - down which the narrator received from his elder brother for not concentrating in his studies. What thoughts ran through his mind after he was scolded? [5]
- Q2. Write the summary of the poem 'Ozymandias' explaining how even the mightiest kings and empires decline and fade away with time. [5]
- Q3. Why did Bassanio reject the gold and silver caskets? What did Bassanio say to Portia? [4]
- Q4. Why did the prince of Morocco choose the gold casket? What happened to him? [3]
- Q5. How was the cheerful mood at Belmont spoilt? How did Portia respond on hearing the sad news? [3]
- Q6. Why was Antonio hated by Shylock but respected by all? [2]

SECTION-C [8 MARKS]

- Q1. Choose the correct meaning of the following words from the options given below: - [8]

(a) scraggy

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| (i) ugly | (ii) thin and rough |
| (iii) soft and cosy | (iv) fat |

(b) signalled

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| (i) asked | (ii) cancelled |
| (iii) showed | (iv) pretended |

(c) gruelling

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| (i) very easy | (ii) extremely difficult |
| (iii) very noisy | (iv) appealing |

(d) elusive

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| (i) difficult to find | (ii) beautiful |
| (iii) different | (iv) strange |

(e) balmy

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| (i) confused | (ii) very cold |
| (iii) harsh | (iv) pleasantly warm |

(f) colossal

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| (i) tiny | (ii) enormous |
| (iii) pretty | (iv) exciting |

(g) antique

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| (i) modern | (ii) enchanting |
| (iii) ancient | (iv) extraordinary |

(h) massacred

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| (i) loved | (ii) killed violently |
| (iii) killed softly | (iv) scary |