

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

SECTION-A [10 MARKS]
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 out in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase)

1. A thin wet sky, that yellowed at the rim, ...

The poetic device used in the above underlined words is:-

- (a) personification
- (b) imagery
- (c) simile
- (d) metaphor

2. In the story 'That Little Square Box,' the narrator was travelling on board the ship:-

- (a) Martian
- (b) Atlantic
- (c) Logos
- (d) Spartan

3. The visitor got out of the cab and stood on the pavement with his arms folded upon his chest in:-

- (a) Havelock Crescent
- (b) British Isles
- (c) Wellington Street
- (d) London Bridge

4. From Helen Keller, the world now receives:-

- (a) strength of inner power
- (b) darkness in their soul
- (c) lessons in pessimism
- (d) moments of displeasure

5. Patol Babu's mentor was:-

- (a) Shoshanko
- (b) Mr. Pakrashi
- (c) Chanchal Kumar
- (d) Daren Mullick

6. What kind of life does the speaker want in Innisfree?

- (a) a peaceful and solitary life
- (b) a luxurious and wealthy life
- (c) a life full of adventure and thrill
- (d) a busy and social life

1. b
2. d
3. c
4. a
5. b
6. a
7. b
8. c
9. c
10. d

7. Sitaram talked about Nathu to:-

- (a) Mrs. Bhushan
- (b) Mrs. Prakash
- (c) Seth Govind Ram
- (d) Jugal Kishore

8. What message does the story 'That Little Square Box' convey?

- (a) scientific progress should be feared
- (b) travelling by ship is dangerous
- (c) people should not always jump to conclusions based on fear
- (d) inventions should be kept secret

9. Which natural elements are emphasised in the poem 'Marshlands'?

- (a) mountains and valleys
- (b) deserts and sand dunes
- (c) the sky and water
- (d) storms and tornadoes

10. "He has gone mad! It's that horrid science of his." Who said these words?

- (a) the visitor
- (b) the cabman
- (c) the bacteriologist
- (d) Minnie

SECTION-B [10 MARKS]

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

Question II. Answer the following questions:

- 1. How was Celia as a girl? Give examples to prove your point. [2]
- 2. Why did the wrestling contest seem unequal? [2]
- 3. How did Oliver III treat Orlando? What did Orlando demand of Oliver? [3]
- 4. How did Adam help Orlando? [3]

SECTION-C [30 MARKS]

ATTEMPT ANY THREE QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

Question III. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. When he re-entered the laboratory, his visitor was looking at his watch. "I had no idea I had wasted an hour of your time," he said. "But your things were really too interesting. No, I cannot stop a moment longer."

- (a) Name the best known science fiction novels of the author. *The Time Machine The War of the Worlds* [2]
- (b) Who is being referred to as 'he' here? What effect did his cultivation of bacterium have on the living creatures used for experimentation? *Bacteriologist One patches, kitten & puppets, grasshopper fleas.* [2]

- (c) Write a few words about the visitor and his physical appearance. *Anarchist - pale faced, slender, dark black hair, deep grey eyes, haggard expression, glass tube, cholera gamms - broke the tube in water supply* [3]
- (d) What did the visitor take from the laboratory and why? Was he successful in his intentions? *No,* [3]

2. "Why, Seth Govind Ram's bank, of course. I hear they have stopped paying their employees—no salary for over three months! Don't tell me you have an account with them, Mr. Kishore?"

- (a) Write a few words about the author. *Most loved writers/stories are about people & places in hill towns in the Himalayan foothills.* [2]
- (b) Identify the speaker. Who is Mr. Kishore? *Mr. Bhushan* [2]

(c) How did the news spread through the bazaar? What was the response of the clerk in the bank when he was called?

shouted for money / break in / Seth hiding in rackets / Mischief makers joined / people wanted money / stores thrown / brick smashed glass window

3. "I really don't see why I should say no. But let's talk to your brother-in-law first and find out some details. What's his name?"

- (a) Name the lesson and the author. *Patel Babru, Film Star - Satyajit Ray.* [2]
(b) Mention the speaker and the listener. *Patel B. Nishikanto B.* [2]
(c) Why did the listener come looking for the speaker so early in the morning? [3]
(d) How can you say that the people recognised the speaker's passion as an artist when he or she used to perform on stage? Mention the part and the dialogue given to the speaker by the listener's brother-in-law in his film? *Oh! absent minded / short tempered pedestrian* [3]

4. And the two men laughed with a cold, harsh laugh before bearing the mysterious little box away with them.

- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle his stories about detective Sherlock Holmes / The Lost World / The White Company*
(a) What is the author famous for? Name any one of his or her popular books. [2]
(b) What did the narrator think about the two men? *desperate agents of some group / deceive themselves / tell passengers & ship in one explanation* [2]
(c) Describe both the men. Where were they at that moment? *square / dark wood / metal case / higher / rugged like* [3]
(d) Write a few lines about the mysterious little box. What did it contain? *arrangement / coil of string attached / Small square opening through the wood. Box had 2 grey carrier pigeons.* [3]

SECTION-D [20 MARKS]

ATTEMPT ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

Question IV. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. The pools low lying, dank with moss and mould,
Glint through their mildews like large cups of gold.

- Marshlands conveys American legends / beliefs with dramatic intensity*
(a) Identify the poem. What is significant about the poet's poetry? [2]
(b) What does 'dank with moss and mould' indicate about the marsh? Mention the contrast presented here. *decay and beauty highlighting the marsh's mystic charm* [2]
(c) Describe the actions of the living creatures mentioned in the poem. *Lizard / goose / cranes* [3]
(d) Explain the line - 'Glint through... of gold.' Identify the poetic device used here. *Simile* [3]
Also point out the theme of the poem. *despite decay there is beauty in marsh*
Pools covered in mildew reflect light like large cups of gold suggesting a hidden radiance in the otherwise murky landscape.

2. She,

Within herself,
Found loveliness,

Through the soul's own mastery.

- Langston Hughes innovating jazz poetry / leader of Harlem Renaissance.*
(a) Name the poet. What is he or she known for? *Reverend of American African lit Art music dance.* [2]
(b) Who is referred to as 'she' in these lines? What disability did she have? *Helen Keller deaf & blind in infancy* [2]
(c) Explain the lines - 'Within herself... soul's own mastery.' Point out any two poetic devices used in the poem. *Personification, repetition, paradox, symbolism using hyperbole* [3]
(d) Highlight the theme and message of the poem. [3]

3. And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;

- The Lake Isle of Innisfree Nobel Prize for literature (1923).*
(a) Name the poem. Mention the award received by the poet. [2]
(b) Which place is referred to as 'there'? Where is the poet at present? *Innisfree in a city* [2]
(c) What would the poet do after going 'there'? *Cabin / grow food / beano / keep bees / live alone.* [3]
(d) How has the poet described the midnight, noon and evening 'there'? What message does the poet convey through the poem? [3]

Midnight - glimmer

noon - purple glow