

Self Assessment Paper

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General Instructions :

- (i) Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
- (ii) You will **not** be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.
- (iii) This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
- (iv) Attempt **five** questions in all from only **three** text books.
- (v) You must attempt at least **one** question from each of the Sections A, B and C and **not more than two other questions** from the same books you have already compulsorily chosen.
- (vi) The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

Section 'A' - Drama

Answer one or more questions from this Section.

The Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare

Question 1.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

Portia: Tarry a little, there is something else.
This bond doth give thee here no jot of blood;
The words expressly are "a pound of flesh."
Take then thy bond, take thou thy pound of flesh,

[Act IV, Scene I]

- (i) Who is being instructed here to 'Tarry'? Why must he 'Tarry a little'? [3]
- (ii) With close reference to the text, show how the speaker seems to conduct the trial? [3]
- (iii) What is Antonio prepared to face? How does Antonio bid farewell to Bassanio? [3]
- (iv) In what thoughts does Antonio find comfort in facing death? [3]
- (v) What is the penalty that the Venetian Law imposed on those who plot against its citizens? [4]

Question 2.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

Arragon: Still more fool I shall appear
By the time I linger here;
With one fool's head I came to woo,
But I go away with two.

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Sweet, adieu! I'll keep my oath,
Patiently to bear my wroth.

[Act II, Scene IX]

- (i) Whom has Arragon come to woo? What does he have to do before he can present his suit to her? [3]
- (ii) What are the three conditions laid down for the oath taken by the suitors? [3]
- (iii) What is the Prince Arragon's choice and for what reason does he make that choice? [3]
- (iv) What does the speaker find in the casket he chooses? Why does he have to go away? [3]
- (v) What are the reasons the speaker has rejected the other caskets? [4]

Question 3.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

Antonio : Content, in'faith. I'll seal to such a bond,
And say there is much kindness in the Jew.

Bassanio : You shall not seal to such a bond for me!
I'll rather dwell in my necessity.

Antonio : Why, fear not, man; I will not forfeit it.

[Act 1, Scene III]

- (i) Where are Antonio and Bassanio? Why are they there? [3]
- (ii) Who is the Jew? What does Antonio mean when he says "And say there is much kindness in the Jew"? [3]
- (iii) Why is Antonio so confident that he would not forfeit the bond? [3]
- (iv) How does Bassanio react to Antonio's willingness to seal the bond? [3]
- (v) What does the word 'bond' mean here? What is demanded in the bond? [4]

Section 'B' - Poetry

Answer one or more questions from this Section.

A Collection of Poems

Question 4.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants, in sap and leaf and wood,
In love of home and loyalty
And far-cast thought of civic good
His blessings on the neighbourhood,
Who in the hollow of His hand
Holds all the growth of all our land
A nation's growth from sea to sea
Stirs in his heart who plants a tree.

—The Heart of The Tree, Henry Cyler Bunner

- (i) What is the tree made of? What feeling does the planter highlight? [3]
- (ii) How does the planter bless his neighbourhood? [3]
- (iii) Whom does capital 'His' refer to? What does he carry in the hollow of his hand? What is the significance of the 'hollow'? [3]
- (iv) In what way does a Nation's growth depend upon planting trees? [3]
- (v) What stirs in the heart of the planter? [4]

Question 5

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

The last man of this forlorn group
 Did nought except for gain.
 Giving only to those who gave
 Was how he played the game?
 Their logs held tight in death's still hands
 Was proof of human sin.
 They did not die from the cold without
 They died from the cold within.

—*The Cold Within, James Patrick Kinney*

- (i) What game does the Poet refer to? Who plays the game? How? [3]
 (ii) Why does the Poet refer the group as a 'forlorn group'? Name the figure of speech used here. [3]
 (iii) What was the rich man thinking about? From whom did he fear a threat to his wealth? [3]
 (iv) What kind of expression did the Black man's face depict / show? What did the Black man see in his stick? [3]
 (v) What proof do the humans provide regarding their sin? According to the Poet, what is the reason behind their death? [4]

Question 6.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

'They say it was a shocking sight
 After the field was won;
 For many thousand bodies here
 Lay rotting in the sun;
 But things like that, you know, must be
 After a famous victory.
 'Great praise the Duke of Marlbro's won
 And our good Prince Eugene.'
 'Why, 'twas a very wicked thing!
 Said little Wilhelmine.

—*After Blenheim, Robert Southey*

- (i) Who are 'They' mentioned here? Why was it 'a shocking sight', though the war was won? [3]
 (ii) Who was praised and why? [3]
 (iii) What objection is raised by Wilhelmine? Is her objection justified? [3]
 (iv) Why does Old Kaspar repeat that it was a famous victory? What does it highlight about his character? [3]
 (v) What message does the Poet, Robert Southey, convey through his poem? [4]

Section 'C' - Prose

Answer one or more questions from this Section.

A Collection of Short Stories

Question 7.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

"What is to be done with the children?" That was the chief question now.

—*An Angel in Disguise, T.S. Arthur*

- (i) Who are these 'children'? Why is something to be done with them? [3]
 (ii) What effect does Maggie's condition have on the villagers? [3]

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- (iii) Describe the three children? Who among them was the most wretched? Why? What decision is taken for the children? [3]
- (iv) According to the villagers, what type of place was the poorhouse? How would it be for Maggie? [3]
- (v) What melted farmer Joe's heart and what did he do? [4]

Question 8.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions :

"But its size did not prevent its giving itself the grandiose name Kritam."

—A Horse and Two Goats, R.K. Narayan

- (i) What is 'Kritam'? What is the meaning of this name? What is the irony about it? [3]
- (ii) Describe the village 'Kritam'. [3]
- (iii) What was Muni's daily routine? [3]
- (iv) What did Muni eat for breakfast and lunch? [3]
- (v) What is known about the drumstick tree? [4]

Question 9.

Answer the following questions with reference to Chief Seattle's story 'Chief Seattle's Speech':

- AI** (i) What is the Chief Seattle's speech about? What condition does he offer to accept the proposal of the White Americans? [4]
- (ii) How does Chief Seattle compare the religion of the White man and the Red man in his speech? [4]
- (iii) 'The worldviews of White men and the Red Indians has marked differences'. Throw a light on this statement based on the speech by Chief Seattle. [8]

Finished Solving the Paper ?
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