

City International School

FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 2013 - 2014

Date : 30/07/2013

Marks : 80

Std : IX

Subject : English II

Time : 2 hrs

Answer to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

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.

Attempt five questions in all.

You must attempt one question from each of the Section A, B and C and any two other questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets ()

SECTION A – DRAMA MERCHANT OF VENICE

Q. 1 Read the extract given below and answer the follow.

Antonio: I hold the world but as the world, Gratiano;

A stage where every man must play a part, And mine is a sad one.

- i. What does the first line mean? What does Antonio compare the word to? What role does he play? What is the effect created here by Shakespeare? (4)
- ii. What is the significance of 'liver heat with wine' and 'heart coal in the mortifying groans'? (2)
- iii. Bassanio relates his school days experience to prove that he will repay a Fresh loan? Explain. Why does he relate this expresience? (3)
- iv. What does Portia tell Nerissa about the maxims pronounced by her? According to Portia, when would chapels become churches and poor men's cottages become prince's palaces? (3)
- v. How does Portia describe the first and the second suitors? Who are they? (4)

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

Shylock: "No, not take interest; not, as you would say, Directly interest; mark what Jacob did. When Laban and himself were compromised, that all the canlings which were strcak's and pied should fall as Jacob's hire."

- i. Who were Jacob, Laban, and Abraham? (3)
- ii. What is the difference between taking interest and receiving payment for one's labour? (3)

- iii. Bring out the contrast in the nature of Antonio and Shylock. (4)
- iv. What explanation does Morocco give for his dark complexion? (3)
- v. What is the lottery of Portia's destiny? How does it prevent her from the right of voluntary choosing? (4)

SECTION B – POETRY A COLLECTION OF POEMS

Q. 3 Read the extract given below and answer the questions the follow.

“No stir in the air, no stir in the sea,
The ship was as still as she could be;
Her sails from heaven received no motion,
Her keel was steady in the ocean.”

- i. What do ‘stir’, ‘heaven’ and ‘keel’ mean? (3)
- ii. Name the figure of speech of the underlined line. (1)
- iii. Why was the Rock said to be perilous? (3)
- iv. Why is the ship referred to as ‘she’? What is the difference in the weather conditions at the beginning and at the end? (3)
- v. Give another word for ‘mariners’. Why did they bless the Abbot? Who was he? (3)
- vi. Name the two main characters in the poem? How are they different in nature? (3)

Q. 4 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

“Where words come out from the depth of truth
Where stretches its arms towards perfection
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit”

- i. Write the pen picture of an ideal country that the poet has visualized in the lines preceding the extract. (3)
- ii. What is meant by “Where knowledge is free”? What were the restrictions imposed on the spread of knowledge? (3)
- iii. Name and explain the figure of speech of the underlined line. (3)
- iv. Explain the lines “Where the clean stream of dead habit. (3)
- v. What does depth of truth mean? When was this poem written? What did ‘freedom’ mean to the poet? (4)

SECTION C- PROSE
A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES

Q. 5 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

“All forty hands went up in unison,
Mrs. Baruah beamed. Clearly, this
assignment had not been a drudge.”

- i. a. What qualities does a protagonist of the story appreciate? (any 2) (1)
b. How did Karambir Singh Kang respond to the call of duty? (1)
- ii. Give the meanings of ‘Unison’ and ‘drudge’. (3)
Why do you think that the assignment was not drudge?
- ii. In what way did Kabeer prepare himself for the assignment? (3)
- iv. Give the character sketch of Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan. (4)
- v. Pen down your feelings after reading this story. Give reasons. (4)

Q. 6 With reference to the ‘Tourney by Night’ story give examples to show the doctor's address “Sher Singh Bahadur” – is appropriate for the twelve year old boy. (16)