

City International School

FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 2015 - 2016

Date : 30/07/2015

Marks : 40

Std : IX

Subject : English Literature

Time : 1 hr

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 and answer the questions given below.

Antonio: In sooth, I know not why I am so sad: It wearies me; You say it wearies you; But how I caught it, found it, or came by it, What stuff 'tis made of, whereof it is born, I am to learn:

- i. What are Antonio's argosies compared to? (2)
How are the other ships compared?
- ii. 'And many Jasons came in quest of her'. What does it mean? Explain. (3)
- iii. Why was Antonio unable to help Bassanio directly? What does he suggest? (3)

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

Nerissa: "You father was ever virtuous: and holy men at their death have good inspirations; therefore the lottery that he hath devised in these three caskets of gold, silver, and lead – whereof who chooses his meaning chooses you".

- i. According to Portia, when would chapels become churches, and poor men's Cottages become princes' palaces? (2)
- ii. What does Nerissa tell Portia through the above extract? (3)
- iii. Name the second suitor. How does Portia describe him? (3)
Who does she prefer?

SECTION B – POETRY
A COLLECTION OF POEMS

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

“Where the mind is without fear
And the head is held high
Where knowledge is free.”

- i. What does the poet mean by “where knowledge is free”? What were the restrictions imposed on the spread of knowledge? (4)
- ii. The poem is in the form of a prayer. Justify. (4)

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

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

- i. Why is the ship referred to as ‘she’? Describe the weather conditions portrayed in the poem? (4)
- ii. Name the two characters in the poem. How are they different from each other? (4)

SECTION C- PROSE
A COLLECTION OF STORIES

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

“It was different from the others as it did not focus on any one person, profession or quality. It was a combination of traits and people from different walks of life – people who had stirred Kabeer’s heart.”

- i. Why did Kabeer want to become like Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan? (4)
- ii. What was the reaction of the teacher and the students after Kabeer ended his speech? What is the teacher hopeful about? What do you feel after reading the story? (4)

Q. 6 “Where there is a will there is a way.” How does the story – “Journey by Night” justify the above saying. (8)