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Grade 11

Appreciation of English Literary Texts

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Three hours

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- Answer five questions only
- Answer Question one and four others selecting one from each section, poetry, drama, prose and fiction.

### Section I

#### Part A

Answer all questions

- ◆ Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below each extract.

i) "I felt a conscious, impulse in my clay, to break away....."

- a) Form which text are the lines taken ?  
Who is the author ?
- b) Who speaks the words and to whom are they spoken ?
- c) Why did he feel a conscious impulse ?

(5 marks)

ii) "He read his letters back side fore.  
He wrote his letters back side fore"

- a) From where have the lines been taken ?  
Who is 'He' in the lines ?
- b) Explain the reason for the behavior of 'He'
- c) Name a poetic device. What is the effect ?

(5 marks)

iii) "you do love her, don't you ? well, then why not save up money for her by selling the cloth?"

- a) Where are the lines taken from ?  
Who is the author ?
- b) Who speaks the words ? Who is the listener ?
- c) What do you think is the intention of the speaker ?

(5 marks)

iv) "You allow yourself to go very far, sir"

- a) In which text does the line appear ?  
Who is the author ?
- b) Who is the speaker ? who is the listener ?
- c) What made the speaker speak so ?

(5 marks)

v) "Tea that evening was partaken of in a fearsome silence"

- a) Name the text in which the line appears ?  
Name the author ?
- b) Whose words are they ?  
What does "that evening" refer to ?
- c) Why do you think there is a fearsome silence" provide at least one reason

(5 marks)

vi) "Am I under water ? It didn't feel like water, but it has to be I thought"

- a) from which text are the lines taken ?  
Who is the writer ?
- b) who is 'I' ? what is the situation ?
- c) What feelings are associated with the speaker ?

(5 marks)

### Part B

◆ Answer the questions in either (a), (b) or (c)

Either

a) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it

He is going to earn twenty five thousand rupees of it, and he says he is going to finish it before September, wonderful boy ! I never know that my son was such a genius. Actually, you know, he needs not do. All this to get twenty five thousand, that's always there. But I don't want to give it to him to handle It's not like my generation, we come under the spell of Gandhi and could do no wrong"

- i. Who is the speaker ? to whom does he speak"
- ii. Explain briefly what he is going to finish before September"
- iii. Explain the following in your own words.

a) Genius

b) Spell

c) What qualities of the speaker are hinted at prove your answer with examples from the text.

(10 marks)

Or

b) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it.

Man, hast lost thy wits? The small seal which afore time I was wont to take with me abroad lieth in my treasury.

(afore time)

And , since the Great Seal hath flown away, shall not it suffice ? Hath lost thy wits ?

Be gone ! and hark ye... come no more till thou do bring his head"

- i) Who is the speaker and who is the listener?
- ii) Explain briefly the necessity of a seal at the movement
- iii) Explain the following in your own words.

a) aforetime

b) hark

Or

c) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it

"As I looked around, things were blurred and there was a feeling somewhere in me of getting chocked, of not being able to breathe, and my legs were numbed and my body wet and slowly going cold, and since this is exactly how I felt. When I used to get those fits long ago and which was the reason I was not sent to school....

i) Who is referred to as 'I' and what has the speaker been doing.

ii) Why wasn't the speaker sent to school ?

iii) Explain the following in your own words.

a) chocked

b) gripped

ii) What are the reasons for the feelings of the speaker ?

## Part II

### Poetry

#### Answer one question only

02. Discuss "Father's arguments against son's decision to start an early life with a close reference to the poem "Father and son by Cat Stevens.
03. Write in details how Alexander Kuser tries to bring out humour through his poem upside down"
04. Both significance and usefulness of the River Nile are adequately highlighted by John Keats in his poem "To the Nile",
05. A positive attitude towards "work" is aesthetically presented in the poem –" The camel's Hump" Do you agree? Present your views with instances from the text.
06. Discuss the consequences of haste and shortsightedness according to the poem Farewell to Barn stack and Tree ?

(15 marks each)

### Drama

#### Answer only one question

07. Money is useful, but the greed for money is devastating. Illustrate the above idea in relation to the drama by Kinoshita.
08. what Popova needs in fact is to re-marry. Present your views with a close reference to the text "the bear"

(15 marks each)

### Prose

#### Answer only one question

09. The behavior of the speaker of "an extract from wave" depicts how a human faces an unexpected catastrophe. Present your views according to the text by Sonali Deraniyagala.
10. How different are the attitudes to love according to "The Nightingale and the Rose" by Oscar wilde.
11. At Colin Cowdrey lecture – 2011, Kumar Sangakkara visualizes a lot of qualities of a good orator. Present your views according to the Lahore Attack.
12. Nicholas in 'The Lumber Room' is much clever enough to distinguish between what is to be done and what is not to be done. Do your agree ?

(15 marks each)

### Fiction

#### Answer only one question

13. Discuss in detail the hardships encountered by Edward Tudor until he gets released from the grip of John Canty on the way to Guild Hall.
14. Do you think cousin is a faithful companion to Jagan Express your views.
15. In the novel, "Bringing Tony Home" The episode of the small boy and his pet dog is really emotional. Discuss bringing examples from the text.

(15 marks each)