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English Paper 2

(2 Hours)

(Answers 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 Sections 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

As You Like it: Shakespeare

Question 1

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

Duke Senior : Here feel we but the penalty of Adam, The seasons' difference, as, the icy fang And Churlish chiding of the winter's wind; Which, when it bites and blows upon my body, Even till I shrink with cold, I smile and say 'This is no flattery: these are counsellors That feelingly persuade me what I am.' Sweet are the uses of adversity, Which like a toad, ugly and venomous,

(1) Where does this scene take place? Why is Duke Senior here? To whom is he talking? [3]

(2) How does he address his listeners at the beginning of his speech? Why is the present location more free from danger than the court? [3]

(3) What do you understand by the line-

"Here feel we but the penalty of Adam/The seasons' difference..."? What was the old belief about the toad? [3]

(iv) In what way does the Duke find good in everything that he sees about him? What does it reveal about his character? [3]

(v) Jacques moralises on the wounded deer by comparing it to the actions of human beings. What does he say in this regard? [4]

Question 2

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

Adam : Know you not, master, to some kind of men Their graces serve them but as enemies? No more do yours: your virtues, gentle master, Are sanctified and holy traitors to you. O, what a world is this, when what is comely Envenoms him that bears it!

Orlando: Why, what's the matter?

Adam : O unhappy youth

(i) Who is Adam? Where are Adam and Orlando now? Who is the enemy of Orlando's graces? [3]

- (ii) Explain in your own words the meaning of "O, what a world is this, when what is comely Envenoms him that bears it!" What warning does Adam go on to give Orlando immediately after the extract? [3]
- (iii) What does Adam say and do to show his love and affection for Orlando? [3]
- (iv) What comment does Orlando make on Adam's sense of devotion to duty? [3]
- (v) How does Orlando act on the advice given by Adam? What are your feelings for Adam? Give a reason to justify your feelings for Adam. [4]

Loyalties: John Galsworthy

Question 3

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

Margaret : Here's the wind!

Winsor : What's the move now, General?

Canynge : You and I had better see the Inspector in De Levis's room, Winsor. [To the others] If you'll all be handy, in case he wants to put questions for himself.

Margaret : I hope he'll want me; it's just too thrilling.

Dancy : I hope he won't want me; I am dog-tired. Come on Mabel. [He puts his at-
t in his wife's.]

Canynge : Just a minute, Charles.

(i) Who is Winsor? What does Margaret mean by 'here's the wind['? Where is the scene taking place? [3]

(ii) What does Canynge say to Winsor immediately after the extract? What reply does Winsor give to Canynge? [3]

(iii) Who enters soon after? What two things had he been asked to do earlier?[3]

(iv) Who is De Levis? Whom does he suspect for the theft of his money? Canynge also suspects this same person later on. What is the basis of his suspicions? [3]

(v) How did De Levis have such a large amount of money on him that day? [4]

Question 4

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

Graviter : No. I suppose not. [A pause] By Jove, I don't like losing this case. I don't like the admission we backed such a wrong 'un.

Twisden : Impossible to go on.

(i) Who are Graviter and Twisden? What 'case' are they discussing? Why does Graviter feel that he will lose the case? [3]

(ii) What was the latest evidence put forward which convinced them of the thieves identity? [3]

(iii) How can you say that Twisden is loyal to his profession? What does Twisden ask Graviter to do immediately after this? [3]

(iv) What does Twisden advise Dancy to do? Later~ in the play, De Levis calls on Twisden. Briefly state what is the purpose of this visit. [3]

(v) How does Mabel show loyalty to her husband? Mention any one character trait of Ronald Dancy that appeals to you. What happens to him in the end? [4]

SECTION B-POETRY

The Golden Lyre

Question 5

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

He did not feel the driver's whip,
Nor the burning heat of day;
For Death had illumined the Land of Sleep,
And his lifeless body lay
A worn-out fether, that the soul
Had broken and thrown away!

(The Salve's Dream: H. W. Longfellow)

(i) Explain in your own words the meaning of 'A worn,out fether, that the soul Had broken and thrown away! [3]

(ii) Where does 'he' lie in the beginning of the poem? In what condition does he lie there? [3]

(iii)Whom does 'he' see once more? What do they do to him? [3]

(iv)What does 'he' hear at night? How does it pass? [3]

(v)In the poem it is said that 'he started in his sleep and smiled '. Why does he start and smile? How has the poem appealed to you? Give a reason to justify your answer. [4]

Question 6

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

I remember the night my mother
was stung by a scorpion. Ten hours
of steady rain had driven him
to crawl beneath a sack of rice.
Parting with his poison-flash
of diabolic tail in the dark room-
he risked the rain again.

(Night of the Scorpion: Nissim Ezekiel)

(i)Explain in your own words the meaning of, 'Parting with his poisonmflash of diabolic tail in the dark room he risked the rain again. [3]

(ii) Who comes immediately after this exact? What do they do and why? [3]

(iii) What is said about the previous birth and the next birth by those who have come? [3]

(iv) What is said about the father? What does the father do? [3]

(v) How long did it take for the poison to lose its sting? What does the mother say at the end? What is your opinion about what the mother says? [4]

SECTION C— PROSE
A Treasure Trove of Short Stories

Question 7

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

'You go up to bed,' I said. 'You're sick.'

'I'm all right,' he said

When the doctor came he took the boy's temperature.

'What is it?' I asked him.

'One hundred and two'.

Downstairs, the doctor left three different medicines in different coloured capsules with instructions for giving them.

(i) When the boy came into the room to shut the window what did his father notice about him? [3]

(ii) After the doctor left the room, the father wished to read to the boy memories about pirates.

Why did he choose such stories?

What showed that the boy was not interested in what he was reading? [3]

(iii) Why didn't the boy want his father to stay with him in the room? When the father returned a little later, what was the boy's reaction? How did the father find him? [3]

(iv) Why did the boy fear that he was going to die? How was this fear removed? [3]

(v) How does the story end? In what way does the boy in the story represent children in general? [4]

Question 8

In the story 'The Case for the Defence', the author says that it was the strangest murder trial he had ever attempted. Give details from the story to bring out the truth of this statement. [16]

Animal Farm: George Orwell

Question 9

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

One day in early summer Squealer ordered the sheep to follow him and led them out to a piece of waste ground at the other end of the farm, which had become overgrown with birch saplings. The sheep spent the whole day there browsing at the leaves under Squealer's supervision.

- (i) Who is Squealer? What are we told immediately after the extract?[3]
- (ii) What happens on a pleasant evening when the animals, after completion of their work, are returning to the farm? [3]
- (iii) Narrate briefly the sight that is seen by the animals in the yard. [3]
- (iv) What is the effect of what they see on the animals? What do the sleep suddenly bleat out? [3]
- (v) 'That evening loud laughter and bursts of singing came from the farmhouse.' Describe briefly the scene that was seen by the -j-er-struck animals. [4]

Question 10

How do the pigs, under the leadership of Napoleon, cleverly deceive the other animals of 'Animal Farm' and slowly but surely, take over its ownership, living royally and luxuriously, while the others sweat it out. Give examples from the text to substantiate your answer. [16]

To Sir, With Love : E.R. Braithwaite

Question 11

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

"Has he been in any previous trouble?" the Chairman of Magistrates asked. A probation officer rose and stepped forward.

"No previous record, Sir. The other boy, the victim of the attack, appeared in this court last month before you; that case of the boy, who burnt his mother with the hot poker. He's under a supervision order for one calendar year."

- (i) Who is 'he' in the passage? Where is the incident taking place? Who is the 'other boy~ mentioned in the extract? [3]
- (ii) What are the charges that have been brought against the accused? [3]
- (iii) What does the Chairman of Magistrates say to the accused? What is the condition of the accused? [3]
- (iv) Narrate the story told by the father of the accused to the teachers about the incident. [3]
- (v) What judgment is passed by the Chairman of Magistrates regarding the accused? [4]

Question 12

With close reference to a few incidents from the story, show how the class, slowly but surely gets rid of their prejudice against their new teacher. [16]