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SENIOR SECONDARY EXAMINATION, 2010

Optional Group I — HUMANITIES

ENGLISH LITERATURE — First Paper

Time : $3\frac{1}{4}$ Hours

Maximum Marks : 60

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

1. Candidate must write first his / her Roll No. on the question paper compulsorily.

2. *All* the questions are compulsory.

3. Write the answer to each question in the given answer-book only.

4. For questions having more than one part carrying similar marks, the answers of those parts are to be written together in continuity.

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1. Explain any *four* of the following extracts with reference to the context, choosing at least *two* from each group i.e. Poetry and Drama :

$$4 \times 3 = 12$$

(i) Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me,

Searching my reaches for what she really is.

Then she turns to those liars, the candle or the moon –

I see her back, and reflect it faithfully.

(ii) Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high :

Where knowledge is free :

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by

narrow domestic walls :

(iii) Thus let me live, unseen, unknown;

Thus unlamented let me die;

Steal from the world, and not a stone

Tell where I lie.

(iv) You see, sleep or not sleep, hunger or no hunger, tired or not

tired, you can always do a thing when you know it must be done.

(v) My husband has just returned with my future son-in-law; and

they know nothing. If they did, the consequences would be

terrible.

(vi) No. Louka : Your poor men can cut throats; but they are afraid of

their officers; they put up with insults and blows : they stand by

and see one another punished like children : aye and help to do it

when they are ordered.

(POETRY)

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions in one sentence each :

2 × 1 = 2

(i) 'The bud may have a bitter taste,

But sweet will be the flower *:'*

What do the words 'bud' and 'flower' stand for ?

(Light Shining Out of Darkness)

(ii) 'The same whom in my school-boy days I listen'd to;'

What did the poet do in his school days when he heard the cry of the Cuckoo ?

(To The Cuckoo)

(iii) 'His soul has in its Autumn,'

What happens when Autumn comes in the life of a man ?

(The Human Seasons)

(DRAMA)

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions in one sentence each :

$2 \times 1 = 2$

(i) *Raina :* I must tell you that my father holds the highest command of any Bulgarian in our army.

Why did Raina tell this to The Man ?

(ii) *Nicola :* I shall always be dependent on the goodwill of the family.

What was Nicola's interest in depending on the goodwill of the family ?

(iii) *Raina :* I am not here to be sold to the highest bidder.

Who were the bidders ?

4.   Answer any *four* of the following questions in about 30 words each :

$$4 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 10$$

(i)   *Raina* : That was the second time I ever uttered a falsehood.

What was the first lie that Raina tell ?

(ii)   What were the similarities between 'The Man' and Ernani, according to Raina ?

(iii)   *Raina* : I want to be quite perfect with Sergius.

What does Raina mean by 'quite perfect' ?

(iv)   What secret did Sergius tell about successful fighting ?

(v)   *Raina* : Oh ! The chocolate cream soldier !

What story did Raina tell about the chocolate cream soldier ?

(vi)   Why did Louka ask Raina to dress up at once ?

5.   Answer any *four* of the following questions in about 30 words each :

$$4 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 10$$

(i)   Why do the hunters wait for all men to go ?

(Muschus Moschiferus)

(ii)   What did David write in his letters to his father ?

(In Memoriam)

(iii) What will the poet do when he goes to Innisfree ?

(The Lake Isle of Innisfree)

(iv) How has the poet conveyed her sense of happiness in the poem 'A Birthday' ?

(A Birthday)

(v) There is a blend of both pessimism and optimism in the poem 'On His Blindness'. Give evidence from the poem to support it.

(On His Blindness)

(vi) What is life compared with in the poem 'Life Is But A Walking Shadow' ?

(Life Is But A Walking Shadow)

6. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 60 — 80 words each :   2 × 5 = 10

(i) Describe the appearance of Bluntschli when he first met Raina.

(ii) Give evidence of wit and humour from the drama 'Arms And The Man'.

(iii) Why did Raina decide to marry Bluntschli instead of Sergius ?

(iv) What did Petkoff say about washing when Catherine complained of her sore throat ?

7. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 60 — 80 words each : 2 × 5 = 10

    (i) Discuss the theme of the poem 'Braided Lives'.

    (ii) What did the peasants say when they came to the poet's house ?

                                        (Night of the Scorpion)

    (iii) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Autumn'.

    (iv) Who lives a happy life, according to the poet ?

                                            (Solitude)

8. Define any *two* of the following literary terms : 2 × 2 = 4

    (i) Lyric

    (ii) Plot

    (iii) Irony

    (iv) Wit.