



## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ

HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION 2025-26

ENGLISH LITERATURE

TIME: 2 Hours

CLASS – IX

MM: 80

Note – The paper has four Sections. Section A is compulsory. All questions in Section A must be answered. You must attempt one question from each of the Sections B, C, and D and one other question from any Section of your choice.

### SECTION – A

(Attempt all questions from this Section)

Question 1. Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options.

i. Flavius says, "Who else would soar above the view of men and keep us all in servile fearfulness," about Caesar. These words reveal that

- a) Flavius likes Caesar
- b) He fears Caesar's rising power
- c) He criticizes Caesar's soldiers
- d) Flavius thinks that Caesar will disappear

ii. Marullus addresses the citizens by calling them \_\_\_\_\_

- a) towers, windows and chimney tops
- b) blocks, stone and worse than senseless things
- c) infants, chariot wheels and senseless things
- d) blocks, walls and battlements

iii. The character traits of Cassius that make Caesar suspicious about his intentions are:

- 1 he hears too much music
- 2 he does not love plays
- 3 he loves to smile
- 4 he is jealous of others
- 5 he reads too much
- 6 keeps on complaining against fate

- a) 1, 4, 6
- b) 2, 3, 5
- c) 4, 6, 5
- d) 2, 4, 5

iv. The expression, 'It was Greek to me', is an idiom used when a person \_\_\_\_\_

- a) is unable to understand what has been said.
- b) is able to understand the Greek language.
- c) is unable to learn the Greek language
- d) is able to follow what has been said

v. The common slave held up his left hand which was \_\_\_\_\_

- a) burning like twenty torches held together
- b) full of sores
- c) burning like two hundred torches held together
- d) red and aflame

vi. When Cassius says, Cassius from bondage will deliver Cassius, he means that \_\_\_\_\_

- a) he will commit suicide
- b) he will not be a slave to Caesar
- c) he will give himself up to Caesar
- d) he will withdraw from public life

vii. Which of these statements is NOT true?

- a) Skimble is quite meticulous
- b) He does not approve of unruly behaviour
- c) He sleeps when all the passengers are asleep
- d) He does not let anything go wrong

viii. Which kind of tree was planted by the poet's brother?

- a) fir tree
- b) laburnum
- c) rose
- d) oak

ix. 'And thought the air must rush as fresh

To swallows on the wings'

Which figure of speech is used in these lines?

- a) simile
- b) metaphor
- c) irony
- d) personification

x. When do the Night Mail depart?

- a) at 11:40
- b) at 11:42
- c) at 11:39
- d) at 11:45

xi. Select the option that correctly tells about the poet's state of mind as an adult now?

- a) gloomy
- b) happy
- c) bored
- d) excited

xii. Select the option that shows the correct relationship between statement (1) and statement (2).

1. Bonku Babu was a timid fellow.

2. He did not protest against his constant bullying by others.

- a) 1 is independent of 2
- b) 1 is a contradiction of 2
- c) 1 is an example of 2
- d) 1 is the cause of 2

xiii. Ang's words of advice made Bonku Babu feel \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 ambitious      2 bold      3 confident      4 frustrated
- a) Only 1
- b) Only 4
- c) 3 and 4
- d) 2 and 3

xiv. Select the option that lists the sequence of events in the correct order.

- 1 Mrs. Bhushan told her husband about the bankruptcy of the bank.
- 2 Nathu's friend Sitaram tells Mrs. Srivastava that Nathu was not getting his salary from the bank.
- 3 Nathu banged his pan against the dustbin





And we're off at last for the northern part  
Of the Northern Hemisphere!

- i. Why was there restlessness among the passengers? What are they waiting for? [3]
  - ii. Where is the train going? Who is the most important being on the Night Mail and why? [3]
  - iii. What all facilities are available in the small cabin of each compartment? [3]
  - iv. How does Skimbleshanks perform his task as a supervisor? What does he disapprove of during the journey? [3]
  - v. In which manner Skimbleshanks sees off the passengers at the end of the journey? What does this gesture signify? [3]
- Which literary device is used in the first line of the given extract? [4]

### Question 7.

I remember, I remember  
The house where I was born,  
The little window where the sun  
Came peeping in the morn;

- i. How is the sun presented in the poem? Which memory of the poet's childhood is associated with it? [3]
- ii. How does the poet view swinging in his childhood? Write in detail. [3]
- iii. Why does the poet refer to the fir tree-tops later in the poem? Explain. [3]
- iv. What type of flowers and trees do the poet remember? Which thought is associated with a particular tree and why? [3]
- v. How does the poet contrast childhood and adulthood? What idea does the poet want to convey through this poem? [4]