

This 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.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

SECTION A

(Attempt all questions from this Section)

Question 1

[16 x1]

Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate response from the choices given below. (Please do not copy the question-simply write out in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase)

- i. How does Antony refer to the conspirators when he is left alone with Caesar's body?
 - a. As butchers
 - b. As cruel devils
 - c. As lovers of Rome
 - d. As noble men
- ii. What happened the first time Caesar wore the cloak which Antony shows to the public?
 - a. The day he defeated the Nervii
 - b. It was a stormy day
 - c. The day he brought many prisoners
 - d. It was the day he made great conquest
- iii. What does Antony compare Lepidus to?
 - a. His ass
 - b. His horse
 - c. His soldiers
 - d. His attendants
- iv. Brutus "then follow me and give me audience friends." Who are the friends?
 - a. Cassius and Casca
 - b. The Plebeians
 - c. Antony and servant
 - d. The senators
- v. "Woe to the hand that shed this costly blood!
Over thy wounds now do I prophesy....."
These lines tell us that Antony is.....
 - a. Sorrowful
 - b. Anxious
 - c. Frustrated
 - d. Enraged
- vi. Messala: 'Then like a Roman bear the truth I tell'. What was the truth?
 - a. Antony and Octavius are marching with a big power towards them.
 - b. Cicero had been ordered to death
 - c. Portia is dead.
 - d. Hundred senators have been killed
- vii. Which of these statements is NOT true?
 - a. When great trees fall the rocks on distant hills shudder.
 - b. When great trees fall small animals do not bother.
 - c. The falling of great trees causes ripples for miles.
 - d. We should try to be better than we are.
- viii. Which of the given options contain the figure of speech that appears in the following line from H.W Longfellow poem 'Haunted Houses' "As silent as the pictures on the wall":
 - a. 'wandered lonely as a cloud'
 - b. 'Suddenly the black night showed its teeth in a flash of lightning'
 - c. 'Rich gifts of raiment or grain or gold?'
 - d. 'Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun'.

- ix. Ghosts in the poem move about.....
 - a. In search of some victim
 - b. On some errands
 - c. Aimlessly
 - d. In search of food
- x. When do animals seek safety?
 - a. When the earth shakes
 - b. When wolves howl
 - c. When great trees fall
 - d. When hunters appears
- xi. Which of these remained always the same in De Lorge's beloved?
 - a. Her smile
 - b. Her mannerisms
 - c. Her dress
 - d. Her lips and eyes
- xii. Select the option that shows the correct relationship between statements (1) and (2) from William Sleator's short story, 'The Elevator'

Statement 1 : Terrified of the fat lady in the elevator, Martin ran down the dark stairs , fell and broke his leg.

Statement 2: Angry and disappointed that his son had behaved like a fool and a coward, Martin's father did not talk to him on the way to the hospital.

- a. (1) is true and (2) is false.
 - b. (2) is true and (1) is false.
 - c. (1) is the cause for (2).
 - d. (1) and (2) are independent of each other.
- xiii. Choose the option that lists the sequence of events from Ama Ata Aidoo's short story 'The Girl Who Can' in the correct order.
 1. So Nana had taken it upon herself to go and 'ask into it properly'. She came home to tell my mother that it was really true.
 2. She carried the gleaming cup on her back. Like they do with babies, and other very precious things.
 3. I don't know how the teachers decided to let me run for the junior section of our school in the district games.
 4. Yes, I have won every race I ran in for my school, and I have won the cup for the best all-round junior athlete.
 - a. 1,2,3,4
 - b. 3,1,4,2
 - c. 2,1,4,3
 - d. 4,1,3,2
- xiv. What was Martin's father doing when he was told about the fat lady?
 - (a) watching television
 - (b) speaking to someone on mobile
 - (c) reading a book
 - (d) taking to a friend
- xv. The elevator could carry persons.
 - (a) two
 - (b) three
 - (c) four
 - (d) only one
- xvi. What was the age of the narrator when he went to the photographer to have his photograph taken?
 - a. Fifty
 - b. Forty
 - c. Thirty
 - d. Forty-five

SECTION B

(Answer one or more questions from this section)

DRAMA

(The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare)

Question 2

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

Caesar: Et tu Brute? –Then fall, Caesar!
 Cinna: Liberty! Freedom! Tyranny is dead!
 Run, hence proclaim cry it about the streets.
 Cassius: Some to the common pulpits, and cry out
 "Liberty, freedom, and enfranchisement!"
 Brutus: People and senators be not affrighted;
 Fly not; stand still. Ambition's debt is paid.
 Casca: Go to the pulpit, Brutus.
 Decius: And Cassius too
 Brutus: Where's Publius?

- i. Where are the speakers at this time? What does 'Tyranny' mean?
 Explain: Et tu Brute? –Then fall, Caesar! (3)
- ii. Whom have they got Liberty and Freedom from? Why the people and Senators are frightened and are running away? Who else had run away from there? (3)
- iii. What specific duties do the conspirators allot to Trebonius and Casca? Why does Cassius become nervous when Popilius Lena speaks to him as they enter? (3)
- iv. Who all made the request to Caesar to pardon Publius Cimber? Who was Publius Cimber? (3)
- v. When Caesar is stabbed to death by the conspirators, whom do you sympathise with –Julius Caesar or the conspirators? Give reasons for your choice. (4)

Question 3

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

Cassius: That you have wrong'd me doth appear in this:
 You have condemn'd and noted Lucius Pella.

- i. What seems to be the mood of the speaker at this time? Who was Lucius Pella? Why was he noted? (3)
- ii. Why did Brutus need certain sums of gold? Why was he unable to raise these sums of money? (3)
- iii. Later in the scene, Cassius says he is aveary of the world:
 Why is Cassius sick of this world? Give any three reasons. (3)
- iv. What were Brutus' reasons for Portia's death? (3)
- v. Bring out the contrast between the characters of Cassius and Brutus in any two ways. Give two reasons for your response. (4)

SECTION C

(Attempt one or more questions from this Section)

PROSE-SHORT STORIES

(TREASURE CHEST- A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 4

Read the following extract from Stephen Leacock's short story, "With the Photographer" and answer the questions that follow:

"The photographer beckoned me in. I thought he seemed quieter and graver than before. I think, too, there was a certain pride in his manner. He unfolded the proof of a large photograph, and we both looked at it in silence."

- (i) Describe the photographer. (3)
- (ii) Where was the narrator? What was the reason for his visit? What might have contributed to the photographer's sense of pride? (3)
- (iii) At the beginning, while waiting for the photographer, he read magazines. Name the three magazine (3)

- (iv) Which facial features of the narrator did the photographer alter? (3)
 (v) What term did the narrator use to describe the photograph upon receiving it? Why did he choose that term? What can be inferred about the personalities of the narrator and the photographer? (4)

Question 5

Read the following extract from Ama Ata Aidoo's short story 'The Girl Who Can' and answer the questions that follow:

But then Nana herself looked so pleased, out of surprise my mother shut her mouth. In any case, since the first time they heard the news, I have often caught Nana staring at my legs with a strange look on her face, but still pretending like she was not looking.

- (i) Whose legs were considered too thin? Who held this opinion? Did Kaya share the same opinion? (3)
 (ii) Who are the two important people in Adjoa's life? Do they have the same opinion about her upbringing? (3)
 (iii) Who is Kaya? What news do Kaya and Nana receive later in the story? What does the news pertain to? (3)
 (iv) What was the importance of legs according to Nana initially? Why did she look at Adjoa's legs in a strange manner? (3)
 (v) What did Nana do after hearing the news? How did Adjoa feel about her actions? (4)

SECTION D

(Attempt one or more questions from this Section)

POETRY

(TREASURECHEST- A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 6

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

She dropped her glove, to prove his love, then looked at him and smiled;
 He bowed, and in a moment leaped among the lions wild:
 The leap was quick, return was quick, he has regained his place,
 Then threw the glove, but not with love, right in the lady's face.
 "By God!" said Francis, "rightly done!" and he rose from where he sat;
 "No love," quoth he, "but vanity, sets love a task like that.

- i. What kind of royal sport was in progress? Who were watching it? (3)
 ii. What idea struck De Lorge's beloved? How did she put it into practice? What could have happened to De Lorge? (3)
 iii. What was De Lorge's reaction when he came back safe from the pit? (3)
 iv. What picture of De Lorge's beloved has the poet given in the poem? (3)
 v. Briefly describe the lion's fight. (4)

Question 7

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

When great souls die,
 the air around us becomes
 light, rare, sterile.
 We breathe, briefly.
 Our eyes, briefly,
 see with
 a hurtful clarity.

- i. State three effects of the fall of Great trees in the forest. (3)
 ii. What do we remember when great souls die? (3)
 iii. How does peace bloom after a period? (3)
 iv. What feeling is being expressed by the following lines/phrases? (3)
 a. Small things recoil into silence
 b. Kind words/unsaid
 c. Be and be/better. For they existed.
 v. What is a 'Great tree' metaphor for? (4)
 What is the theme of Angelou's poem, 'When Great Trees Fall'?