

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

(Three hours and a quarter)

Section I is **compulsory**.

Answer any **three** questions from Section II covering **all three** prescribed textbooks.

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

Note: Credit is given for textual detail and for the candidate's own response.

Candidates are advised to exercise their options with great care, keeping in view their knowledge and understanding of the question(s) chosen.

Candidates are also expected to be **precise** and to avoid **unnecessary details**.

SECTION I (Compulsory)

Question 1a.

[1x10]

Direction: Read the following questions carefully, copy the number of the question, choose the correct response and write it in your answer sheet.

- (i) In 'The Second Coming' by WB Yeats, the poet writes of 'a rocking cradle'. What does this refer to?
- A The birth of Christ.
 - B The second coming.
 - C The beast with a lion body and the head of a man.
 - D The beast with a human body and the head of a lion.
- (ii) In 'Crow Tyrannosaurus' by Hughes, man deals with the guilt he feels at killing by
- A vowing never to kill again.
 - B burning out the crying from his mind.
 - C setting up an abattoir for the innocents.
 - D doing penance and giving up the luxuries of life.
- (iii) In 'The Shield of Achilles', Thetis expected Hephaestos to draw a picture of
- A the world as he saw it.
 - B a world of civilized order.
 - C the world as Achilles saw it.
 - D the world when it was first created.

- (iv) In the Play 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller, Elizabeth Proctor's trial was postponed because
- A she ran away.
 - B she was pregnant.
 - C Mary Warren pleaded for her.
 - D there was not enough evidence against her.
- (v) Proctor did not get his third child baptised because he
- A did not believe in God.
 - B had no time – was busy with his plough.
 - C was waiting for the child to grow a little bigger.
 - D did not want Mr. Parris to lay his hand upon his baby.
- (vi) Tituba was in the forest along with the girls because
- A the girls begged her to conjure.
 - B she wanted to watch over them.
 - C she had enlisted them for the Devil.
 - D she wanted to send her spirit into Betty.
- (vii) In 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles', John Durbeyfield was told of his being a descendent of a renowned knight by
- A Alec D'Urberville.
 - B Parson Tringham.
 - C Clergyman Clare.
 - D Cuthbert Clare.
- (viii) Tess was happiest when she was at
- A Shaston.
 - B Talbothays.
 - C Chaseborough.
 - D Flintcomb Ash.

- (ix) Angel Clare's parents wanted him to marry
- A Izz.
 - B Marian.
 - C Liza Lu.
 - D Mercy Chant.
- (x) Joan Durbeyfield
- A was Tess's step mother.
 - B was a very caring mother.
 - C blamed herself for Tess's downfall.
 - D could quickly adapt herself to the vicissitudes of life.

Question 1b.**[15]**

Direction: Answer **ALL** the following questions in five sentences each.

Tess of the D'Umbervilles

- (i) What would have happened if Angel had read Tess' letter before the wedding? [5]

Poetry

- (ii) *“Though this one was lucky in so far
As it made the attempt into a warm wind
And its first day of death was blue and warm
The magpies gone quiet with domestic happiness
And skylarks not worry about anything
And the black thorn budding confidently
And the skyline of hills, after million of
Hard tears,
Sitting soft.”*

What does Ted Hughes suggest about life and death? [5]

The Crucible

- (iv) *“I never knew until tonight that the world is gone daft with nonsense.”*
Point out Proctor's material status and his finding of solutions to his problems. [5]

SECTION II

Direction: Attempt **ONE** question from *each* text.

Tess of The D'Umbervilles

Question 2.

- a. According to Hardy, 'Certain seasons and natural events aid or hinder the progress of man in an impartial though predictable way'.
Give **one** example of nature aiding and **one** example of it hindering Tess' progress. [10]
- b. Give an account of the wedding day and Angel's reaction to the confession Tess made.
What is your opinion of Angel's reaction? [15]

Question 3.

- a. Write a note on the significance of 'Stonehenge'. [10]
- b. Describe the 'Sleep-Walking Incident'. What is the symbolical significance of this incident? [15]

Question 4.

- a. Account for the murder and execution at the conclusion of the story. [10]
- b. Compare and contrast the characters of Alec and Angel. [15]

19th and 20th Century Verse

Question 5.

- a. What are the blessings that a father should pour upon his daughter with reference to the poem, 'A Prayer for My Daughter' by W. B. Yeats? [10]
- b. What advice does Auden give us in his poem, 'The Unknown Citizen'? [15]

Question 6.

- a. Describe the picture Heaney had of the girl, before she was killed and the way she was tortured. [10]
- b. In the poem 'Punishment' what disturbing questions did the sight of the girls body raise in his mind? [15]

Question 7.

- a. Explain the ideas of life and death in the poem 'Ravens' by Ted Hughes. [10]
- b. Write a critical appreciation of the images of the wind with examples from Ted Hughes' 'Wind'. [15]

The Crucible

Question 8.

- a. What evidence is there in the Play to show the strict discipline that the Christian Church forced upon its people? [10]
- b. How far is Deputy – Governor Danforth responsible for the Salem tragedy? [15]

Question 9.

- a. Why do you think Mary Warren finally turned on Mr. Proctor and accused him of being the Devil's man? [10]
- b. Give an estimate of the character of John Proctor. [15]

Question 10.

- a. Analyze the characters and roles of Reverend Parris and Danforth. [10]
- b. Doubts, suspicion and mass hysteria are evident in the play, compile **three** periods or events from world history which have caused similar reactions and sentiments. [15]