

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) Tess left her home for the second time to work at
- A the Slopes.
 - B Stourcastle.
 - C Talbothays.
 - D Flintcomb-ash.
- (ii) *'He heard me crying about you, and he bitterly taunted me and called you by a foul name; and then I did it.'* What did Tess do?
- A She hanged Alec.
 - B She ditched Alec.
 - C She stabbed Alec.
 - D She poisoned Alec.

- (iii) Mr. Angel Clare had come to Talbothays to learn
- A dairy farming.
 - B sheep farming.
 - C poultry farming.
 - D agriculture farming.
- (iv) Tess was hired to work at The Slopes residence as
- A maid to Mrs. D'Urberville.
 - B cook to Mrs. D'Urberville.
 - C gardener to tend her garden.
 - D caretaker of Mrs. D'Urbervilles pet birds.
- (v) Reverend John Hale is a specialist in
- A devil hunting.
 - B spirit hunting.
 - C witch hunting.
 - D wizard hunting.
- (vi) *'Man, remember, until an hour before the devil fell, God thought him beautiful in heaven.'* This line was said by
- A Rev. Parris.
 - B Rev. John Hale.
 - C Judge Hathorne.
 - D Ezekiel Cheever.
- (vii) Giles Corey tells Rev. Hale that he had woken up at night many a time to find his wife Martha
- A singing strange songs.
 - B reading strange books.
 - C chanting strange words.
 - D listening to strange songs.

- (viii) Sylvia Plath is
- A an Irish.
 - B a British.
 - C a Canadian.
 - D an American.
- (ix) 'His shoulders globed like a full sail strung' is an example of
- A simile.
 - B metaphor.
 - C alliteration.
 - D personification.
- (x) Achilles was a legendary character from
- A Irish mythology.
 - B Greek mythology.
 - C Roman mythology.
 - D Egyptian mythology.

Question 1b.

[15]

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

Tess of the D'Urbervilles

- (i) In your opinion, is Tess a pure woman? Justify your answer with **four** reasons. [5]

Poetry

- (ii) Describe the biological food chain in Ted Hughes' poem 'Crow Tyrannosaurus.' [5]

The Crucible

- (iii) Why was Betty unconscious? Explain any **two** probable reasons. [5]

SECTION II

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

Tess of The D'Urbervilles

Question 2.

- a. According to Aristotle, 'Tragedy must involve the character of a person neither eminently virtuous or just, nor yet involved in misfortune by deliberate vice or villainy, but by some error of human frailty. Tragedy is the imitation of an action that is serious, entire and of some magnitude... effecting through pity and terror the refinement of these passions.'

Discuss Tess of the D'Urbervilles as either conforming or departing from these criteria. [10]

- b. Discuss any **three** interpretations of the role of religion in Tess of the D'Urbervilles. Give also **three** examples of the role of religion in your life. [15]

Question 3.

- a. Explain **three** examples of the superstitious beliefs in the novel 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' and any **two** examples of superstitious beliefs in your community. [10]

- b. In your opinion, who destroyed Tess's life more, Angel or Alec? Justify with **three** evidences from the novel. [15]

Question 4.

- a. How do the concepts of wealth and poverty contribute to the development of the plot in the novel, 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles'? Give **five** evidences to show the contribution of each concept to the plot. [10]

- b. Do you think that the death of Tess's father had a huge impact upon her life? Justify your response with evidences from the novel. [15]

19th and 20th Century Verse**Question 5.**

- a. *'Life remains a blessing although you cannot bless.'* Illustrate the paradox in the poem, 'As I walked out one evening.' [10]
- b. Rewrite the life of the unknown citizen in a new situation where individual citizens have freedom of thought and expression. [15]

Question 6.

- a. Contrast the color symbolism of red and white in the poem 'Tulips'. [10]
- b. The poem 'Snake Charmer' was written by Sylvia Plath. Suggest an alternative title to the poem and give reasons to justify your title. [15]

Question 7.

- a. Why do you think the speaker finds it necessary to regenerate religious values and traditions in 'The Second Coming.' [10]
- b. What feelings are aroused after having read the poem 'The Stag' by Ted Hughes? [15]

The Crucible**Question 8.**

- a. *'No, no, sir, I don't truck with no devil.'* Explain Tituba's role in the witchcraft practices. [10]
- b. What do you understand from 'The Crucible' about individual freedom versus the interests of the community? Explain which one gets more priority? [15]

Question 9.

a. How did Proctor forget the commandment forbidding adultery? Explain the scenario. [10]

b. *'I made a gift for you today, Good Proctor. I had to sit long hours in a chair and passed the time with sewing.'*

Whom is the gift given to? By whom is it given? What is the gift? Explain the significance of the gift. [15]

Question 10.

a. Explain the role of Reverend Hale in identifying witches and his beliefs about the function of the church. [10]

b. *'I have been thinking I would confess to them, Elizabeth.'* Report the dramatic and tragic emotions between Proctor and Elizabeth in Act 4. [15]

