

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

(Three hours and a quarter)

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

Note: Credit is given for textual detail and for the candidate's own response. Candidates are advised to choose their options carefully. Candidates are also expected to be **precise** and to avoid **unnecessary details**.

SECTION I [25 Marks] (Compulsory)

Question 1a.

[1x10]

Direction: For each of the following questions there are four possible responses. Choose the correct response and write it in the space provided.

- (i) The name of Tess's illegitimate child is
A Pity.
B Joan.
C Sorrow.
D Abraham.
- (ii) The primary reason why the Durbeyfields send Tess to Trantridge Cross is to
A marry a nobleman.
B claim kinship with d'Urberville.
C find employment with Mrs. Stoke-d'Urberville.
D get rid of the humiliation of her illegitimate child.
- (iii) What motivates Tess to speak to Angel about her past?
A Angel's intense love for her.
B Angel admits his faults to Tess.
C Tess realizes that her letter was not read.
D Joan Durbeyfield advises Tess to tell him.
- (iv) Which of the following does Angel **not** do while he is sleep-walking?
A Kisses Tess.
B Claims that he is dead.
C Places Tess in a coffin.
D Carries Tess across a river.
- (v) The poet W.B Yeats is
A an Irish.
B an English.
C a Canadian.
D an American.

- (vi) The line, “The years shall run like rabbits”, is from the poem
A Raven.
B Follower.
C The Second Coming.
D As I Walked out one Evening.
- (vii) In the poem ‘Punishment’, Heaney wrote about a girl who was
A killed in the war.
B a victim of jealousy.
C a victim of a recent murder.
D killed for committing adultery.
- (viii) In ‘The Crucible’, the statement, “Your justice would freeze beer” is directed at
A Reverend Parris.
B Thomas Putnam.
C Elizabeth Proctor.
D Deputy Governor Danforth.
- (ix) Reverend Parris wishes to spare Proctor because he
A is afraid of the repercussion.
B wishes to tear down the court.
C is convinced that proctor is innocent.
D wants to have revenge against Abigail.
- (x) Which **one** of the following is a mismatched pair?
A John Hale – Abigail.
B Giles Corey – Martha.
C John Proctor – Elizabeth.
D Francis Nurse – Rebecca.

Question 1b**[15]**

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

Tess of the D’Urbervilles

- (i) Hardy in his novel ‘Tess of the d’Urberville’ relates love to sufferings. In this context, suggest an alternative title to the novel. Justify your suggestion. [5]

19th and 20th Century Verse

- (ii) In the poem, ‘The Stag’ by Ted Hughes, what do you think was Hughes’ attitude towards the hunted animal and its spectators? [5]
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The Crucible

- (iii) In the community of Salem, one could cry witch against one's neighbor and feel perfectly justified in the bargain. What is your opinion on this matter? Support your answer with **two** reasons. [5]

SECTION II [75 Marks]

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

Tess of the D'Urbervilles

Question 2.

- a. Tess was victimized by Alec d'Urberville that led to an impact on her morality. Discuss the impact and the changes it brought upon Tess. Write **two** points for each. [10]
- b. Do you think Tess could have had a better life, if she hadn't told Angel about her past with Alec? Justify. [15]

Question 3.

- a. Explain any **two** lessons you learned from the novel 'Tess of the d'Urbervilles'. [10]
- b. Tess stabbed Alec towards the end of the story. Was her action justifiable? Why? [15]

Question 4.

- a. Tess illustrates the finest example of innocence and sophistication, of man and nature. Support the above two features with an example each from the text. [10]
- b. Among the characters of Tess, Alec and Angel, which one do you like the least? State **three** points to justify your choice. [15]

19th and 20th Century Verse

Question 5.

- a. How did the fisherman die? What questions did Heaney have to face as a Catholic and a poet? [10]
- b. Describe the poem, 'Mushrooms' by Sylvia Plath. [15]
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Question 6.

- a. What is the significance of the title of the poem, 'The Second Coming', by Yeats? [10]
- b. If someone were to write a poem on a monument dedicated to you, what would it say? How are you similar or different to the Unknown Citizen? [15]

Question 7.

- a. Referring to the poem, 'Followers', describe briefly, Heaney's feelings for his father when he was a child. [10]
- b. Describe the violent scenes that Auden put forth in his poem, 'The Shield of Achilles'. What did Auden want to express through this poem? [15]

The Crucible

Question 8.

- a. Miller in his play states that the people of Salem developed a theocracy, a combination of state and religious power to keep the community together. Explain the irony of this statement in context to the play. [10]
- b. Imagine that you were present during the Salem Tragedy and knew about Abigail's secrets and her hand in ruining John Proctor's life. In this context, write a letter to Abigail advising to improve her ways. Your letter must be persuasive to make her to realize her actions. [15]

Question 9.

- a. Compare the characters of Abigail and Elizabeth Proctor. Write down **five** points with a brief explanation for each. [10]
- b. 'The Crucible', ends in a tragic note which produces in most readers a feeling of pain and anguish. Make a contrast to the ending of the play. [15]

Question 10.

- a. Identify and explain any **two** major themes that Arthur Miller is trying to highlight in his play, 'The Crucible'. [10]
 - b. In a small community of Salem, if there was no state law to discipline the people, how would the community be like? Give **three** points to support your answer. [15]
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