

# 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 poem 'Ravens' by Ted Hughes, the question the child asked was,
- A "Did it cry?"
  - B "How did it die?"
  - C "Did the raven kill it?"
  - D "Why did it have to die?"
- (ii) In the poem 'Punishment' Heaney was writing about a girl who was
- A killed in the war.
  - B the victim of jealousy.
  - C the victim of a recent murder.
  - D killed for committing adultery.

- (iii) What quality does Yeats admire most in a woman?
- A character
  - B great beauty
  - C courteousness
  - D great intelligence
- (iv) In the 'Unknown Citizen' where did the man work before the war?
- A the press
  - B in Fudge Motors Inc.
  - C at the local supermarket
  - D for the Producers Research
- (v) What did Rebecca Nurse suggest they do for Betty Parris, in the Play 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller?
- A pray to God for her recovery
  - B volunteer to take care of her children
  - C allow Rebecca to give her some medicine
  - D send for Reverend Hale to remove the Devil from her
- (vi) Proctor called Rev Hale 'Pontius Pilate' because he
- A was very arrogant.
  - B was the main culprit.
  - C would not commit himself.
  - D showed kindness to the accused.
- (vii) Deputy – Governor Danforth was impressed with Giles Corey because he
- A was an honest man.
  - B contested against Mr. Putnam.
  - C appeared to be a very brave man.
  - D had drawn up the deposition himself.

- (viii) The novel 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' is a
- A satire.
  - B historical novel.
  - C classic and romantic novel.
  - D social and industrial tragedy.
- (ix) John Durbeyfield was a
- A farmer.
  - B parson.
  - C haggler.
  - D tradesman.
- (x) In the end, Tess killed Alec because he
- A was unfaithful to her.
  - B had seduced young women.
  - C had lied to her about her husband.
  - D was always jealous and making her life miserable.

**Question 1b.**

**[15]**

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

**Tess of the D'Urbervilles**

- (i) Propose **two** alternative endings to the story of Tess. [5]

**Poetry**

- (ii) Report the characteristic qualities of Sylvia Plath's writings. [5]

**The Crucible**

- (iii) Explain **one** lesson you can infer on superstitious beliefs from 'The Crucible'? [5]

## SECTION II

*Direction: Attempt ONE question from each text.*

### Tess of The D'Urbervilles

#### Question 2.

- a. Describe Alec D'Urberville as a representative of the unjust aristocracy. [10]
- b. Interpret how human aspirations and the forces of nature are eternally opposed in the story. [15]

#### Question 3.

- a. Appraise the changes that Prince's death brought upon the Durbeyfield family. [10]
- b. Explain Angel Clare's love for Tess, the separation and reunion. [15]

#### Question 4.

- a. Discuss any **five** manifestations of fate as they affect the life of Tess. [10]
- b. In what ways does Tess contribute to her own tragedy? Discuss any **five** points. [15]

### 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Verse

#### Question 5.

- a. Explain, in your own words, these lines from 'The Stag' by Ted Hughes.  
*Then while his limbs all cried different directions  
to his lungs, which only wanted to rest.  
The blue horsemen on the bank opposite  
Pulled aside the camouflage of their terrible planet.* [10]

- b. Why was the crowd of spectators ‘disappointed’ at the end?  
What do you think was Hughes’ attitude to the hunt and its spectators?

**Question 6.**

- a. From what Yeats has written in his poem ‘Broken Dreams’, has the fact of Maud Goune’s ageing made any difference to the intensity of the love he feels for her?  
Give reasons to support your answer. [10]
- b. Describe Goune as a young woman. [15]

**Question 7.**

- a. W. H. Auden described the 1930s as a ‘time of crisis and dismay.’ Discuss how ‘The Shield of Achilles’ reflects the troubled times. [10]
- b. Interpret the social, economic and political life portrayed in ‘The Unknown Citizen.’ [15]

**The Crucible**

**Question 8.**

- a. Why did Elizabeth Proctor blame herself for her husband’s infidelity? [10]
- b. Write a character sketch of Abigail Williams. [15]

**Question 9.**

- a. What according to Rev. Hale, was the cause for the jails in Salem being full?  
What did Proctor think the cause was? [10]
- b. Why was Thomas Putnam such an embittered man? [15]

**Question 10.**

- a. Do you think the parallel between Salem's 1692 witch hunt and the 'witch hunt' of the McCarthy era in the 1950s in the United States of America is justified?

Give **three** reasons.

[10]

- b. Evaluate Act IV as a fulfillment of Aristotle's theory of 'pity and terror' and the 'purging of the emotions.'

[15]



