

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) Returning to the Slopes from Chaseborough, Tess got into an altercation with
- A Alec.
 - B Car Darch.
 - C Izz.
 - D Mercy Chant.
- (ii) Mrs. Clare gave away the pudding sent by
- A Marian.
 - B Mrs. Crick.
 - C Mrs. Durbeyfield.
 - D Tess.
- (iii) 'Thy, Damnation, Slumbereth Not.' These words were quoted by
- A Jack Durbeyfield.
 - B Pastor Clare.
 - C the transformed Alex.
 - D the writer of Biblical Texts.

- (iv) 'How darest th' laugh at me, hussy!' These words were addressed to
- A Car Darch.
 - B Tess.
 - C The Queen of Spades.
 - D The Queen of Diamonds.
- (v) '*You are more beautiful than anyone,
And yet your body has a flaw*'.
What Yeats saw as the 'flaw' in the woman he loved was her
- A thin lips.
 - B small feet.
 - C small eyes.
 - D small hands.
- (vi) In the poem written by Seamus Heaney, who was the follower?
- A Heaney Senior
 - B Heaney Junior
 - C The other farmers
 - D The horses yoked to the plough
- (vii) The poet considered the dead lamb 'lucky' because
- A the child felt sorry for it.
 - B it was free from all danger.
 - C it's mother was licking it dry.
 - D it's first day was blue and warm.
- (viii) What according to Abigail Williams, jumped into the soup when the girls were dancing?
- A a bird
 - B a frog
 - C a moth
 - D a mouse

- (ix) Who did Reverend Parris send for when his daughter was sick?
- A Rev. John Hale
 - B Mr. John Proctor
 - C Mr. Ezekiel Cheever
 - D Mr. Thomas Putnam
- (x) Why was Francis Nurse upset when Cheever was told to have warrants drawn for the people who had signed the petition?
- A He was afraid they would harm him.
 - B He was afraid that some of them were guilty.
 - C He felt that it was a clear attack upon the court.
 - D He had given his word that no harm would come to them.

Question 1b.

[15]

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

Tess of the D'Urbervilles

- (i) Describe the influence of the natural environment upon Tess in various sections of the story. [5]

Poetry

- (ii) Referring to his poem 'Followers' describe briefly, Heaney's feelings for his father when he was a child. [5]

The Crucible

- (iii) Explain Danforth's arguments when he refused to postpone the hangings, or pardon the accused. [5]

SECTION II

Attempt *ONE* question from *each* text.

Tess of The D'Urbervilles

Question 2.

- a. Write a note on the accident and death of Prince. [10]
- b. 'Among the villains created by Hardy, Alec D' Urberville occupies a foremost reputation.' Discuss the truth of this statement. [15]

Question 3.

- a. Write a character sketch of Mr. Clare, the Parson of Emminster. [10]
- b. Describe Tess's life at Talbothays. [15]

Question 4.

- a. Explain any **three** points to describe the May Day celebrations. Mention **two** incidents connected with this particular May Day celebration. [10]
- b. What is the part played by 'chance' in the novel 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles'? [15]

19th and 20th Century Verse

Question 5.

- a. Describe 'Punishment' by Seamus Heaney. What disturbing questions does the body of the girl raise in the poet's mind? [10]
- b. As she looked over Hephaestos's shoulder, what did Thetis expect to see and what did she see? Why do you think Hephaetos did this? [15]

Question 6.

- a. List any **ten** characteristics to describe the 'Unknown Citizen'. [10]
- b. Describe 'The Stag' by Ted Hughes, highlighting the vivid imageries. [15]

Question 7.

- a. What advice does Auden give us in 'As I Walked Out One Evening'? [10]
- b. Describe the poem 'Broken Dreams' by W. B. Yeats. [15]

The Crucible**Question 8.**

- a. Describe the characters of Danforth and Parris. Explain any **five** traits or actions of each of these characters. [10]
- b. (i) Explain the system of government in Salem. [5]
- (ii) Explain **three** roles played by the Salem government in the setting of the play, and **two** roles it undertook twenty years later. [5]
- (iii) What was the effect of the events of 1692 on the Salem social structure? [5]

Question 9.

- a. Aristotle, in his 'Poetics', defined tragedy as dealing with human suffering and courage, capable of leaving the audience emotionally purged and exalted. Is John Proctor a tragic hero in the Aristotelian sense? [10]
- b. How did the witch trials originate and empower Abigail and Mary Warren? [15]

Question 10.

- a.** Analyze how Act I sets the scene for the entire play, amidst accusations and counter-accusations. [10]

- b.** List **two** ways in which Danforth conducted the witchcraft trial. If you had been in his place how would you have conducted it in the interests of fairness and justice? [15]

