







# ENGLISH ADVANCE / ELECTIVE HSSC-II

Time allowed: 2:35 Hours

Total Marks Sections B and C:

NOTE:- Sections B and C comprise pages 1-2. Answer all the questions from Section 'B' and Section 'C' of the separately provided answer book. Use supplementary answer sheet i.e. Sheet-B if required. Write your answers neatly and legibly.

## SECTION – B (Marks 45)

Note Attempt ALL the questions.

Q. 2 Explain with reference to the context any TWO of the following extracts from the play, "The Merchant of Venice": ( 2 x 5 = 10 )

(i) In sooth I know not why I am so sad,  
It wearies me, you say it wearies you;  
But how I caught it, found it, or came by it,  
What stuff 'tis made of, whereof it is born,  
I am to learn;  
And such a want-wit sadness makes of me,  
That I have much ado to know myself.

(ii) " Fair sir, you spet on me on Wednesday last,  
You spurn'd me such a day, another time  
You call'd me dog; and for these courtesies  
I'll lend you thus much moneys?"

(iii) ....I am married to a wife  
Which is as dear to me as life itself,  
But life itself, my wife, and all the world,  
Are not with me esteem'd above thy life.  
I would lose all, ay sacrifice them all  
Here to the devil, to deliver you.

Q. 3 a. Answer any TWO of the following parts from the play, "The Merchant of Venice" in about 65 – 75 words each: ( 2 x 7 = 14 )

- (i) How does Portia save Antonio from the cruel clutches of Shylock?
- (ii) Who is in your opinion the hero of the play, 'The Merchant of Venice'?
- (iii) Give briefly the reasons which led Bassanio to reject the gold and silver caskets and to choose the lead?

b. Answer any THREE of the following parts from the novel, "The Mayor of Casterbridge" in about 65 – 75 words each: ( 3 x 7 = 21 )

- (i) Compare and contrast the characters of Michael Henchard and Farfrae.
- (ii) Hardy is regarded as more successful delineator of Women than Men. Discuss.
- (iii) Consider "The Mayor of Casterbridge" as a story of crime and punishment.
- (iv) Chance, accident and coincidence play an important part in the novel "The Mayor of Casterbridge". Illustrate.

**SECTION – C (Marks 35)****Note:- Attempt ALL the questions.****Q. 4 Write an essay of about 300 – 350 words on any ONE of the following topics: (15)**

- (i) Terrorism (ii) The Role of Electronic and Print Media

**Q. 5 Use each of the following idioms to make sentences of your own: (05)**

- (i) From head to toe (ii) A dab hand  
 (iii) Keep your hair on (iv) Find one's feet  
 (v) All fingers and thumbs

**Q. 6 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions appended at the end:**

Self-reliance is the pilgrim's best staff, the workers best tool. It is the master key that unlocks all the difficulties of life. "Help your self and Heaven will help you" is a maxim, which receives daily confirmation. He who begins with crutches will generally end with crutches. Help from within always strengthens, but help from without invariably enfeebles the recipient. It is not in the sheltered garden but in the rugged Alpine cliff, where the storms beat most violently, that the toughest plants are reared. It is not by the use of corks, bladders and life - buoys that you can best learn to swim but by plunging courageously into the waves and buffeting them.

To wait until some charitable man passes by, to stand with arms folded, sighing for a helping hand is not the part of any manly mind. The habit of depending upon others should be vigorously resisted, since it tends to weaken the intellectual faculties and paralyze the judgment. The struggle against adverse circumstances has on the contrary, a bracing and strengthening effect, like that of the pure mountain air on an enfeebled frame. This is a lesson of education that they lay down too many royal roads to knowledge. Those impediments which formerly compelled the student to think and labour for himself are now most carefully removed, and he glides so smoothly along the well beaten highway that he pauses not to heed the flowers on either side.

**Questions:**

- (i) What do "help from within" and "help from without" mean? 02  
 (ii) Where are the toughest plants reared? 02  
 (iii) How can we learn swimming? 02  
 (iv) Make a précis (or summary of the passage in 1/3 of its length) and give it a suitable title. 09