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ANNUAL EXAMINATION – 2012-2013

Class – I X
SUBJECT – English (Literature)

Time – 2 Hrs.

M.M. – 80

Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Out of all questions from all the sections answer any five questions.

You must answer one question from each of the sections A, B & C and any two other questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in the brackets [].

Section – A

DRAMA

Question 1

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Rosalind: from the east to western Ind,

No jewel is like Rosalind,

Her worth, being mounted on the wind,

through all the world bears Rosalind,

All the pictures fairest Lin'd

Are but black to Rosalind

Let no face be kept in mind,

But the face of Rosalind.

- a) Who is the new mistress' brother? Where has Rosalind found the paper? Who has written something on the paper? [4]
- b) Why is Rosalind compared to a jewel? How has her merit spread throughout the world? [4]
- c) What is the significance of 'black' in the context? Why is the picture of Rosalind said to be the fairest among others? [4]
- d) Give the meaning of:
Her worth, being mounted on the wind,
Through all the world bears Rosalind. [4]

Question 2

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Celia: But didst thou hear without wondering, how thy name should be hanged and carved upon these trees?

Roasalind: I was seven of the nine days out of the wonder before you came; for look here what I found on a palm tree. I was never so be rhymed since Pythagoras' time, that I was an Irish rat, which I can hardly remember.

Celia: Trow you who hath done this?

Rosalind: Is it a man?

Celia: And a chain, that you once wore, about his neck. Change you colour?

- a) Give the meaning of: I was seven of the nine days out of the wonder. [4]
- b) What is strange about Rosalind finding some verses on a palm tree in the forest of Arden? [4]
- c) Who was Pythagoras? What was his philosophy? [4]
- d) Why does Rosalind claim to have been an Irish rat? What is the significance of the Irish rat in the Elizabethan world? [4]

Section – B

POEM

Question 3

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

My country ! in the day of glory past

A beauteous halo circled round thy brow

And worshipped as a deity thou wast

Where is that glory, where that reverence now?

- a) Which country is addressed by the poet? Give examples to show the glorious past of the country. [4]
- b) What reminds you when you read about a beautiful halo? [4]
- c) What according to the poet has happened to the past glory of his country? [4]
- d) What kind of image is used here? What does it convey? [4]

Question 4

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign,

Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes

Like ours; the land our brothers walk upon

Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.

- a) Who is being addressed here? What is the poet trying to tell us? [4]
- b) Do you think all the human beings are the same everywhere? Point out the visible differences if any. [4]
- c) In which way are all human beings the same? [4]
- d) The land our brother walk upon is earth like this in which we all shall lie." Explain. [4]

Question 5

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

He sat down in the darkness to wait for the train and sang softly to himself. There was nothing to be afraid of – his father had killed the tiger, the forest guards were pleased and besides, he had the axe with him, his father's axe, and he knew how to use it.

- a) Who is he? Why is he sitting in the darkness waiting for the train in place of his father? [4]
- b) Do you think he will be able to deal with wild animal if attacked like his father? Why? [4]
- c) What more do we know about him, his family and his routine before his father's death. [4]
- d) Who had made the axe? How did his father use it? [4]

Question 6

Do you think the title 'A Fishy Story' is appropriate for the story. Give a detailed accounts Why? [16]

