



DE MAZENOD COLLEGE, KANDANA
ENGLISH LITERATURE
SECOND TERM TEST – 2024
GRADE - 09

TIME – 2 HOURS

2024-08

Answer all the questions.

PART - I

1) Read the following extracts and answer the following questions.



(i). "He lit a cigarette he made rings

With the smoke, he put the ashes...."

- (a) Where are the lines taken from? Who wrote them?
- (b) Who lit a cigarette?
- (c) Why did 'he' smoke in this situation?
- (d) Name a literary technique used here?

(08 Marks)

(ii). "I have wished a bird would fly away,

And not sing by my house all day"

- (a) Where are the lines taken from? Who wrote it?
- (b) Who is referred to as 'I'?
- (c) What is the narrator's wish?
- (d) What is the action done by the bird?

(08 Marks)

(iii). "One day he found the skull of a man

And said to it, 'How did you come here?'

The skull opened its mouth and said,

'Talking brought me here!'"

- (a) From which text are these lines taken? Who wrote them?
- (b) Who is referred to as 'he'?
- (c) What is the situation described here?
- (d) Mention a literary technique used here?

(08 Marks)

(iv). "I'll wait and see and choose a time,

When everyone is present.

And clear my throat and raise my beak

And give a squawk and start to speak"

- (a) From where are these lines taken? Who has written them?
- (b) Who is referred to as 'I'?
- (c) What are the actions mentioned here?
- (d) What is the situation described here?

(08 Marks)

(v). "But I cannot tell from where

He is calling out for aid

Crying on the frightened air,

making everything afraid!"

- (a) Where are the lines taken from? Who wrote it?
- (b) Who is calling out for aid?
- (c) What is the context mentioned here?
- (d) What is meant by 'frightened air' in the 3rd line?

(08 Marks)

(vi). "And he was rich-yes, richer than a king.....

And admirably schooled in every grace;

In fine, we thought that he was everything"

- (a) From which text are these lines taken? Who wrote it?
- (b) Who is referred to as 'he'?
- (c) What is meant by 'admirably schooled in every grace'?
- (d) Who thought that he was everything?

(08 Marks)

(vii). "Terence, look your last at me,
For I come home no more"

- (a) Where are the lines taken from? Who wrote it?
- (b) Who is 'Terence' in this context?
- (c) Who is referred to as 'I'?
- (d) What is the situation described here?

(08 Marks)

(viii). "He drank the coffee and milk
and he put down the cup
without speaking to me"

- (a) Where are the lines taken from? Who wrote them?
- (b) Who is referred to as 'he'?
- (c) What is the action mentioned in the 2nd line?
- (d) Why didn't 'he' speak with 'me'?

(08 Marks)

PART - II

2) Answer the following questions by referring to the poem 'Breakfast'.

- (a) What do you think of the scene depicted in the poem? (06 Marks)
- (b) What are your views about the behaviour of 'he'? (06 Marks)

3) Answer any two questions.

- (a) In the poem, "Farewell to Barn and Stact and Tree" the poet discusses how sudden anger leads to death. Do you agree? (12 Marks)
- (b) What is the relationship between the two characters mentioned in the poem "Breakfast"? Explain. (12 Marks)
- (c) What is the incident in the poem "The Huntsman"? Explain in your own words. (12 Marks)