



**SEVEN ELEVEN SCHOLASTIC SCHOOL (ICSE)**  
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*Answer 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.*

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**SECTION A - DRAMA**

Shakespeare : The Merchant of Venice

**Question 1**

Read the extract given below and answer (*any 2*) of the following:

i) Shylock : Shall I not receive my principal?

Portia : Thou shalt have nothing but the forfeiture,  
To be taken at the peril, Jew.

- a) Explain what Portia means by the above words? [2]
- b) How does Shylock respond to her words? [2]
- c) What more does Portia tell Shylock about the laws of Venice as applicable to a foreigner? [2]
- d) What does Antonio propose to do with his share of Shylock's goods? [2]
- e) What role does Portia play in this scene? What does this reveal of her character? [2]

(ii) Antonio : But Little: I am arm'd and well prepared.

Give me your hand, Bassanio, fare you well!  
Grieve not that I am fallen to this for you;  
For herein Fortune shows herself more kind  
Than is her custom: it is still her use  
To let the wretched man outlive his wealth,  
To view with hollow eye and wrinkled brow  
An age of poverty, from which lingering penance  
Of such misery doth she cut me off.

- (a) Where is this scene set? To whom are these words addressed? [2]
- (b) What does Antonio mean when he says "Grieve not that I am fallen to this for you"? [2]
- (c) What does Antonio instruct Bassanio to do immediately after speaking these lines? [2]
- (d) What is Bassanio response to this speech [2]
- (e) What does the speaker trying to say in this line "a rasher on the coals for money"? [2]



( iii ) All that glitters is not gold; Often have you heard that told;  
 Many a man his life hath sold, But my outside to be behold;  
 Gilded tombs do worms enfold. Had you been as wise as bold,  
 Young in limbs, in judgement old, Your answer had not been inscroll'd;  
 Fare you well; your suit is cold. Cold, indeed; and labour lost;

- a) Explain the mission of the speaker in your own words? [2]
- b) Does he succeed in his mission? What is his state of mind? [2]
- c) Explain: "All that glitters is not gold"? [2]
- d) Where is Portia right now? Describe her reaction. [2]
- e) What message does the dramatist convey through the above lines? Do you agree / disagree the message? [2]

**SECTION B – POETRY**  
 A Collection of Poems

**Question 2**

**A) Read the extract given below and answer ( any 2) of the following :**

( i ) She saw her brother Peterkin  
 Role something large and round,  
 Which he besides the rivulet, In playing there had found;  
 He came to ask what he had found,  
 That was so large, and smooth and round.

- a) Who is the narrator?? What do you know about him? [2]
- b) What was found by her brother? [2]
- c) How did the old man react to his finding? [2]
- d) Why did he call it a great victory? [2]
- e) Name the poem and the poet? [2]

( ii ) I wandered lonely as a cloud  
 That floats on high o'er vales and hills  
 When all at once I saw a crowd,  
 A host, of golden daffodils;  
 Beside the lake beneath the trees,  
 Fluttering and dancing in the breeze

- a) Who is 'I' in the first line? Where is he? [2]
- b) Does the poet like the golden daffodils? How can you say so? [2]
- c) Explain: 'fluttering and dancing in the breeze'. [2]
- d) Describe the effect of daffodil on the poet when he is in a pensive mood? [2]
- e) Name the poem and the poet? [2]

(iii) The loudspeakers called out the names of the runners  
 The one hundred metres the race to be run  
 And nine young athletes stood there determined  
 And poised for the sound of the gun.

- a) Where are these nine athletes? [2]
- b) What do you know about them? [2]
- c) Why are they so determine to win? [2]
- d) What happen with one of them? [2]
- e) Name the poem and the poet? [2]



**SECTION C – PROSE**  
Collection of Short Stories

**Question 3**

**A) Read the extract given below and answer ( any 2 ) of the following question.**

1. Her father would be sure to beat her, and besides it was so cold at home, for they had nothing but the roof above them and the wind whistled through that.
  - a) What happened when the girl lit the first and the second match stick? [2]
  - b) Describe the condition of the little girl? [2]
  - c) Why was the little girl afraid of her father? [2]
  - d) Why was the girl out of her home? What was her father's behavior towards her? [2]
  - e) What does the falling star symbolize in the story? [2]
  
2. The old man understood the reference of the horse, thought for a second and said in his language "I was an urchin this high when I heard my grandfather explain this horse and warrior and my grandfather himself was this high when he heard his grandfather, whose grandfather...?"
  - a) Who is the old man? [2]
  - b) What did the old man say? [2]
  - c) What did the other man reply right after this? [2]
  - d) What did the other man conclude about the horse? [2]
  - e) What statue were the two talking about? [2]
  
3. It was my business to cross the bridge, explore the bridgehead beyond and find out to what point The enemy had advanced. I did this and return over the bridge. There were not so many carts now and very few people on foot, but the old man was still there.
  - a) Who sat by the side of the road? Describe him? [2]
  - b) Describe the scene at the pontoon bridge? [2]
  - c) What was the business of the narrator? [2]
  - d) What did the narrator notice when he returned over the bridge? [2]
  - e) Why does the narrator think it was his business to cross the bridge? [2]

**B) Answer the following question in brief: (any 4)**

- 1) Narrate how the story shows true friendship? How did this encourage Owens? [5]
- 2) Summarize the story 'An Angle in Disguise'? [5]
- 3) Who is Mr. Oliver? Describe the meeting of Mr. Oliver with the boy and the watchman? [5]
- 4) Describe the vision that the girl saw in the chapter "The Little Match Girl"? and what was the effect on her? [5]
- 5) Why did Marshal lie for Mr. Easton & what role was played by Marshal? What was this Fairchild's interest about the west? [5]
- 6) Describe the meeting of Muni and the American [5]