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SECOND PRE BOARD EXAMINATION 2018-2019

STD.: X SUB.: ENGLISH - II

MARKS: 80

TIME: HRS.

Attempt five questions in all.

(You must attempt at least one question from each of the Section A, B, C and NOT more than TWO other questions from the same books you have already compulsorily chosen)

The Intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets []

SECTION - A

DRAMA

Question I.

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

"Duke P

What is Antonio here?

Antonio

Read, so please your grace

Duke

I am sorry for thee: thou art come to answer

A stony adversary. An inhuman wretch

Uncapable of pity, void and empty

From any drama of mercy"

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1. Where are the speakers? What is Antonio charged for?

- [3]
- 2. Why does the Duke call Shylock inhuman? What does he want him to do?
 - [3]
- 3. What are the things that are hated by some people according to Shylock?
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4. How does Antonio illustrate Slocks stubborn attitude?

- [3]
- 5. Justify if Shylock deserves the punishment given to him? How is his property distributed? [4]

Question II.

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

"Antonio:

Sweet lady you have been given me life and living;

For here I read for certain that my ships

Are safely come to road.

Portio:

How now Lorenzo!

My clerk hath some good comforts too for you."

Question IV.

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

"And the old man shook his head, And, with a natural sigh.

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1. V	Who was the old man? Who else were	with him? Where were	they? [3]
2. \	Why did the old man shake his head as Who found the skull?		[3]
3. V	Where was the skull found? Why does of some 'poor' fellow?	the speaker say that the	e skull was [3]
4. I	How common were the skulls there? A	at which place many of	them could be
	found? What victory is referred to in the extra	ct? Who was responsibl	[3] e for the
	victory?	,	[4]
	Question V. Read the extract given below and an	swer the questions tha	t follow:
	"A poet, could not but be gay, In such a jocund company! I gazed—and gazed—but little th What wealth the show to me had	ought Thake	MA BOOK DEPOT 1. 1. Namadi, Vasant Utsav, Ir Village, Nandivali (E), Mumbai - 400 101. 9321263050,
1.	How did the daffodils outdo the wave	s?	[3]
2.	What is meant by the jocund company poet referring to? Why does the poet if	? Which jocund compaind it jocund?	
3.	Which wealth is referred to by the	poet? Explain how the	
4.	brought to the poet? What is the mood of the poet? Which	lines tell you so? Why	[3] is he in such a
	mood?		[3]
	Wardthappens to the poet when he	lies down on his couc	h in a pensive
	How does the bliss of solitude	take place?	[4]
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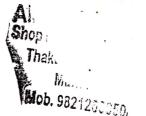
The eight other runners pulled up on their heels.
The ones who had trained for so long to compete

One by one they all turned around and went back to help him And brought the young boy to his feet."

- Who gave out a cry? Why did he cry?
 What were his dreams? What were his frustrations?
 How does the poetry show the value of true sportsmanship?
 State what did the eight runners do? What did their action reflect on their attitude?
- 5. How did the contestants feel when they crossed the finish line together?
 How did the spectators react?

 [4]

SECTION - C SHORT STORIES



Question VII.

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

"Our God, the Great Spirit, seems also to have forsaken us. Your God makes your people was stronger every day. Soon they will fill all the land. Our people are ebbing away like a rapidly receding tide that will never return. The White man's God cannot love our people or He would protect them. They seem to be orphans who can look nowhere for help. How then can we be brothers? How can your God become our God and renew our prosperity and awaken in us dreams of returning greatness?"

- 1. Who is referred to as God of the native? Why does he seem to have forgotten them?
- 2. Why are the natives compared to the receding tide and are called orphans? [3]
- 3. Why does the Chief say that if there was a common father for both races, he must be partial?

 [3]
- 4. How are the natives more dependent on their ancestors than the White men? [3]
- 5 -- How does the speech of the Chief show that his people were oppressed? [4]

Question VIII.

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

"Oh!" said the girl, with a deep breath and returning colur. "So that is what you are doing out here? A marshall"

"My dear Miss Fairchild," said Easton, calmly, "I had to do something. Money has a way of taking wings unto itself, and you know it takes money to keep step with our crowd in Washington. I saw this opening in the West, and — well, a marshalship isn't quite as high a position as that of ambassador, but"

1. Why did Miss Fairchild call Easton, a marshal? What was he in reality?	[3]
2. What was the relationship between Mr. Easton and the young woman?	[3]
3. Explain why Easton was going to Leavenworth.	[3]
4. Why did the glum-faced man say, "Mr. Easton knows his business"?	[3]
5. How is the mistaken identity used in the plot of the story?	[4]

Question IX.

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

"So the little maiden walked on with her tiny naked feet that were quite red and blue from cold. She carried a quantity of matches in an old apron, and she held a bundle of them in her hand."

- 1. Who is referred to as little maiden in the extract above? How did she lose her shoes? Why was the girl carrying matches with her?

 [4]
- 2. What happened when the girl lit the first match? What did the girl see in the window when she lit the second match?
- 3. Give the brief character sketch of the match girl. [8]