



KARNATAKA ICSE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

ISC STD. XII Preparatory Examination 2024

**Subject – ENGLISH PAPER II
(LITERATURE IN ENGLISH)**

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Date: 04.01.2024

*You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.
This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
The intended marks for the questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].
Answer **all** questions in **Section A and Section B.**
This Question Paper consists of 5 printed pages.*

SECTION A – 20 MARKS

Question 1

Choose the correct options for the following questions: [10]

(i) In Act III of *The Tempest* Miranda says- “O my father, /I have broke your hest to say so!”- What had she done?

- (a) Revealed her identity to the strangers on the island.
- (b) Revealed to the strangers on the island that her father was Prospero.
- (c) Told Ferdinand her name.
- (d) Told Prospero that she had promised to marry Ferdinand.

(ii) *Prospero: “We are such stuff*

*As dreams are made on, and our little life
Is rounded with a sleep.” -----*

What Does Prospero talk about in the above lines in Act IV of *The Tempest*?

- (a) Power of magic.
- (b) Transitoriness of life on earth.
- (c) Power of imagination.
- (d) Importance of youth, beauty, power.

- (iii) Caliban in *Act III of The Tempest* says “*Thou makest me merry; I am full of pleasure/ Let us be jocund.*” – Caliban is happy because--
- (a) Stephano has punished Trinculo for misbehaving with Caliban.
 - (b) Caliban will be a viceroy when Stephano will be king.
 - (c) Stephano has promised to kill Prospero.
 - (d) Stephano has bid him drink more.
- (iv) Gonzalo: “*I’ the name of something holy, sir, why stand you/ in this strange stare?*”
To whom does Gonzalo address these words to in *Act III of The Tempest*?
- (a) Antonio.
 - (b) Sebastian.
 - (c) Alonso.
 - (d) Prospero.
- (v) In the short story *B. Wordsworth* where did the boy meet the poet for the second time?
- (a) The boy’s house when he came to sell his poems.
 - (b) The boy’s house when he came to watch the bees.
 - (c) The boy met him in his neighbourhood.
 - (d) The boy met him at the corner of Miguel Street
- (vi) At one stage in the *Story of an Hour* why does Mrs. Mallard open and spread her arms?
- (a) To enjoy the cool refreshing breeze.
 - (b) To show her attachment with her husband.
 - (c) To welcome the spring season.
 - (d) To welcome the future that awaits her.
- (vii) In the short story, *Quality*, the Gessler brothers have been described as being-
- (I) Passionate
 - (II) Hardworking
 - (III) Humble

- (IV) Traditional and orthodox.
- (a) Only (I) and (IV)
- (b) Only (II), (III) and (IV)
- (c) Only (I), (II) and (IV)
- (d) Only (I) and (II)

(viii) In the poem *The Darkling Thrush* the speaker compares the landscape's sharp features to?

- (a) The end of the year.
- (b) The end of the century.
- (c) A corpse.
- (d) A broken lyre.

(ix) In the poem *Dover Beach* –the 'turbid ebb and flow' symbolises-

- (a) The beauty of the sea.
- (b) The poor upkeep of the shore.
- (c) The process of erosion.
- (d) The confusion and distress in human life.

(x) In the poem *Birches* the act of climbing and swinging from birch trees stands for

- (a) Youthful joy in old age.
- (b) The speaker's desire to recapture youthful joy.
- (c) The speaker's ambition.
- (d) The pleasures of living near a birch forest.

Question 2

Complete the following sentences by providing a reason for each. Do not write the question. [10]

(i) In *Act III of The Tempest*, Caliban asks Stephano not to forget to seize Prospero's magic books before killing him because.....

(ii) In *Act IV of The Tempest*, Ceres has sworn to keep away from the disgraceful company of Venus and her blind son Cupid because

- (iii) In *Act IV of The Tempest*, Prospero brought about an abrupt end to the masque because
- (iv) In *Act V of The Tempest*, Gonzalo prays to some heavenly power to guide them out of the dreadful country because
- (v) In the short story *The Singing Lesson*, Basil thought that their marriage would be a mistake because
- (vi) In the short story *Quality*, the narrator did not need to go to Mr Gessler often because
- (vii) In the short story *Fritz*, Jayanto, as a child had come to Bundi because
- (viii) In the poem *The Dolphins*, the dolphins say, “We were blessed and now we are not blessed because
- (ix) In the poem, *John Brown*, John tells his mother to recall the day he was leaving for war because
- (x) In the poem *The Darkling Thrush*, the poet says that there is “little cause for carolings of such ecstatic sounds because

SECTION-B (60 Marks)

THE TEMPEST-WILIAM SHAKESPEARE

Question 3

- (i) What is the dramatic purpose of the masque arranged at the engagement of Ferdinand and Miranda? Write your answer in a short paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- (ii) Give the details of the conspiracy hatched by Caliban against Prospero with reference to the text. Write your answer in a short paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- (iii) (a) Ariel though mischievous and playful is most sincere in his devotion towards his master. Write your answer in about 200-250 words. [10]

OR

(b) Critically review Shakespeare's use of supernatural elements in *The Tempest*. Write your answer in about 200-250 words. [10]

ECHOES: PROSE

Question 4

- (i) In the short story *The Singing Lesson*, Miss Meadows undergoes a change of moods. How does this affect her music lessons? Write your answer in a short paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- (ii)) Who is Shankar in the story *Fritz*? What kind of a man is he? What role does he play in the story? Write your answer in a short paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- (iii) (a) "But she saw beyond that bitter moment a long procession of years to come that would belong to her absolutely." With reference to the quoted line how does Mrs. Mallard think of her future in the story- *The Story of an Hour*. Write your answer in about 200-250 words. [10]

OR

(b) In the age of growing materialism and trendy fashion 'quality' has been pushed to the background. Discuss the plight of the Gessler Brothers in the light of this statement from the short story *Quality*. Write your answer in about 200-250 words. [10]

REVERIE- POETRY

Question 5

- (i) Discuss how in the poem *Dover Beach*, the poet, Matthew Arnold, reposes his faith in love as the only ray of hope amidst the surrounding despair. Write your answer in a short paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- (ii) Referring closely to the poem *The Darkling Thrush* comment on the significance of the happy song of the thrush in the poem. Write your answer in a short paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- (iii) (a) The poem *John Brown* presents two attitudes towards war. Describe the two attitudes. Which one do you sympathise with and why? Write your answer in about 200-250 words. [10]

OR

(b) *The Dolphins* is a poem of protest against the slow destruction of nature and natural creatures by man. Discuss. Write your answer in about 200-250 words. [10]