

# ANNUAL EXAMINATION – 2012-2013

Class – X I

**SUBJECT – English (Literature)**

Time – 3 Hrs.

M.M. – 100

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.

Each question carries equal marks.

## Section – A MACBETH

- Question1** Choose two of the passages (a) to (d) and answer briefly the questions that follow: [10x2=20]
- A- Lady Macbeth: Hie thee hither,  
That I may pour my spirits in thine ear,  
And chastise with the valour of my tongue  
All that impedes thee from the golden round,  
Which fate and metaphysical aid doth seem  
To have three Crown'd withal.
- What does "Hie thee" mean? Give two examples.
  - Give the meanings of 'Chastise', 'Valour', 'impedes' and 'golden round'.
  - What are 'metaphysical aids'? Who has got them from whom and where?
  - Quote the phrase from this speech which means 'compassion of kindly people'.
  - Give the examples of confusion in Macbeth's nature as revealed by Lady Macbeth.
- B- Macbeth (aside): Two truths are told,  
As happy prologues to the swelling act  
Of the imperial theme. (Aloud) I  
thank you, gentlemen.
- What do 'two truths' and 'imperial theme' refer to?
  - In what way is this 'supernatural soliciting not ill'?
  - In what way is this soliciting not good?
  - How would you account for Macbeth's emotional state in this speech?
  - How does Banquo comment upon Macbeth being so rapt in attention?
- C- Ross: by the clock 'tis day,  
And yet dark night strangles the travelling lamp.  
Is't night's predominance, or the day's shame,  
That darkness does the face of earth entomb,  
When living light should kiss it?
- Where is Ross? Who else is with him and what time of day is it?
  - What does 'travelling Lamp' refer to and what has happened to it?
  - Explain 'Is't ..... kiss it?'
  - What does the speaker wish to indicate or prove by it?
  - What has the other person said at the opening scene?
- D- Banquo: Hold, take my sword. There's husbandry in heaven; There candles are all out. Take thee  
that too. A heavy summons lies like lead upon me, And yet I would not sleep: Merciful powers,  
Restrain in me the cursed thoughts that nature Gives way to in repose. Give me my sword. Who's  
there?
- Where is the speaker? To whom is he speaking?
  - What do 'husbandry' and 'candles' mean? Why does he ask for his sword?
  - What is the atmosphere like? What is meant by 'that' in the second line of the extract?
  - Why could Banquo not sleep? What are the 'cursed thoughts'?
  - The word 'summons' has been used by another character but in another context at the end of the scene. State where, by whom and with what meaning is it used?

**Section – B [4X15]**

Answer four questions in all from Section – B. You have to choose one question from each textbooks and any one from the rest

**Macbeth****Question 2**

In Act 1 scene vii of the play 'Macbeth' Lady Macbeth emerges as the stronger of the two as she persuades her husband to murder Duncan. Do you agree? Refer closely to the scene in your answer.

**Question 3**

Give a description of the murder scene and its significance.

**Hues****Question 4**

Discuss how the author's shifting to the city because a turning point in his relationship with his grandmother.

**Question 5**

The story 'The Castaway' ends in a misunderstanding. Explain the misunderstanding. What was the result?

**Star Light****Question 6**

Describe the atmosphere created by the poet in the poem "Frost at midnight".

**Question 7**

With close reference to the poem 'The Lady of Shallot' bring out whether the title of the poem is justified or not.

