

MAR THOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, THIRUVALLA

SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATION, 2018

ENGLISH LITERATURE – (Paper- II)

Marks: 80

Time : 2hrs.

Class: 6

Read the extracts and answer the following questions:

Extract – I

As they swung around a bend, Nathu looked out of his window. All he saw was the sky above and the valley below.

1. Who were Pritham Singh and Nathu? What did they do for a living? (3)
2. How was Nathu's hill different from the range of hills with quarries? (3)
3. Describe the atmosphere around the quarry? (3)
4. What caused the accident of the truck and what happened to it? (3)
5. Why was Pritham Singh indebted to the tree at the end? What did he decide to do with his life? (4)

Extract – II

The ghost glared at her in anger, and began at once to make preparations for turning himself into a large black dog.

1. Who was the Canterville Ghost? Who was Mr. Hiram B Otis? What had Mr. Otis been warned about?
2. When did the Ghost make its second appearance? Why was the Otis family suddenly alarmed?
3. Why did the Ghost shriek with anger? How did he try to frighten the family?
4. Why was the Ghost angry with Mrs. Otis?
5. Why did the Ghost stop short of turning himself to a dog?

Extract- III

He chuckled to himself and turned the corner. But no sooner had he done so than, with a heartbreaking cry of terror, he fell back and hid his white face in his long, bony hands.

1. When did the Ghost decide to make his third attempt? How did he prepare to frighten Mr. Otis and his family?
2. How does the author create an atmosphere of fear and horror in the lesson "The Canterville Ghost"?
3. How did the Ghost intend to scare the Otis family?
4. Describe the appearance and manner of the second Ghost?
5. Give the meanings for the following:
  - i. wainscoting
  - ii. breast plate
  - iii. doom
  - iv. asserted

Extract – IV

*They hear no sound; the swell is strong;  
Though the wind hath fallen, they drift along,  
Till the vessel strikes with a shivering shock:  
“O Christ! It is the Inchcape Rock!”*

1. Where is the Inchcape Rock? Why is the rock dangerous?
2. Who was the Abbot of Aberbrothok? Mention the good deed done by him?
3. Who was Sir Ralph? Why was he jealous of the Abbot? How did he take his revenge?
4. Describe the weather on the day Sir Ralph returned to the Inchcape Rock.
5. Name the style of the poem. Why did Sir Ralph curse himself? What did he hear in his dying moments?

Extract – V

*The crowds of flowers come out of a sudden,  
from nobody knows where,  
and dance upon the grass in wild glee.*

1. Who is the speaker and when does the speaker see the flowers come out?
2. Where does *he* think the flowers come from? Why is their appearance so sudden?
3. Why does the speaker compare the flowers to school-going children?
4. How else has the child compared the flowers to school-going children?
5. According to the child's perspective what do you mean by 'blowing its bagpipes' and 'branches clash together in the forest'?