

**MARTHOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**  
**FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION- 2019**  
**ENGLISH LITERATURE - PAPER 2**

Class – VII

Time: 2hrs

Marks: 80

*Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow:*

**Extract 1**

*"The donkey was a rich dark brown, almost plum colour with enormous ears like lilies, white socks over tiny polished hooves as neat as a dancer's shoes. Running along her back with a broad black cross". Round each great shining eye she had a neat white circle which showed that she came from the village of Gastouri".*

- a) What made Gerry feel that the family was unfriendly? What do you mean by *vigorously*? 3
- b) What did the donkey do as soon as it walked into Gerry's room? How did Gerry react? 3
- c) How did the baby donkey look? What did she remind Gerry of? 3
- d) Why was the narrator so happy? What did he name her? 3
- e) Describe briefly the change in Gerry's attitude towards his family after he received the gifts? 4

**Extract 2**

*"Along with the numerous accolades for his performance, Das also received a heartfelt letter of congratulations from jellow swimmer Arati Saha. Arati with her spectacular record of winning twenty two state level competitions between 1946 and 1951, was fairly well-known among swimmers in the sub continent."*

- a) Why was it difficult to cross the Channel? 3
- b) How did Das respond to it? What do you mean by *venture*? 3
- c) Why was Arati popular in the subcontinent? What had stopped her from taking part in international competitions? 3
- d) What does 'event' refer to and what did it involve? 3
- e) When did Arati began to swim and why did she withdraw from the race? 4

### Extract 3

*"Luckily, both of them were keenly interested in Arati's efforts and assured help to arrange her trip. When Arati reached England, very few expected her to make a mark. On the day of the competition, her pilot boat arrived late".*

- a) Who mainly took efforts to send Arati to England to participate in the event? Was the trip successful for Arati? 3
- b) Arati was one of the foremost swimming personalities of her time. Do you think that she was amply rewarded for her efforts. Explain? 3
- c) When was Arati successful in crossing the Channel? What do you mean by 'assured'? 3
- d) Why did the pilot pressurise Arati to quit when she was trying hard to brave the strong current? 3
- e) How was the support of her peers an important factor behind Arati's success? 4

### Extract 4

*"Stand in the desert. Near them on the sand,  
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown  
And wrinkled lip and sneer of cold command,  
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read  
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things  
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed,"*

- a) What was the sculptor trying to convey with the expressions on the king's face? 3
- b) Who does the 'shattered visage' belong to? How do you think it shattered? 3
- c) What is the 'colossal wreck' and why is it decayed? 3
- d) What do the 'lone and the level sands' suggest? What do you mean by 'pedestal'? 3
- e) What feelings can the traveller have experienced on seeing the conditions of the state? 4

### Extract 5

*"With no more Poisons on every breeze.  
The waters in each river and stream,  
Would be pure and clear like in my dreams  
Yes all the programmes on my T.V.  
Would be specially made for you and me."*

- a) Why does the speaker want to change the programme? 3
- b) What is Man's dream? 3
- c) How would the water of the rivers and streams be? What do you mean by *anew*? 3
- d) Why does the poet want to make the world a better place to live in through television? 3
- e) What kind of a world does the speaker consider ideal? 4