

MAR THOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

FIRST TERM ASSESSMENT TEST -2020

ENGLISH LITERATURE

CLASS 10

MARKS: 20

TIME:30 MINS

Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow:

SECTION:A

DRAMA

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE : SHAKESPEARE

Question:1

Bassanio: I owe the most, in money and in love;

And from your love I have a warranty

To unburden all my plots and purposes

How to get clear of all the debts I owe

Antonio: I pray you, good Bassanio, let me know it;

1. What did Bassanio tell about the person who had just left? (2)

2. Comment on the relationship between Bassanio and Antonio as is seen in this scene. (2)

Question-2

Lorenzo: *Madam, with all my heart;*

I shall obey you in all fair commands

1. Where are Lorenzo and Portia at this time? What 'fair commands' are given to Lorenzo? (2)
2. How does Lorenzo describe Portia in the beginning of the scene? (2)

SECTION:B

POETRY

A COLLECTION OF POEMS

Question-3

There's nobody on the house-tops now----

Just a palsied few at the windows set;

For the best of the sight is, all allow,

At the Shambles' Gate----- or, better yet,

By the very scaffold's foot, I trow.

1. Compare the scene on the house-tops a year ago with as mentioned in the above extract. (2)
2. How has the poet used 'Pathetic Fallacy' in the poem? (2)

SECTION:C

PROSE

A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES

Question-4

I was watching the bridge and the African looking country of the Ebro Delta and wondering how long now it would be before we would see the enemy, and listening all the while for the first noises that would signal that ever mysterious event called contact, and the old man still sat there.

1. Who was sitting by the roadside? Why was he sitting there? (2)
2. Give any two points to justify the theme 'Pointlessness of war'. (2)

Question-5

She pulled one out – scr-r-ratch! --- how it spluttered and burnt! It had a warm, bright flame like a tiny candle when she held her hand over it—but what a strange light!

1. What was the first vision the girl saw after lighting the match? (2)
2. What is your opinion about the ending of this story? Give one reason for your answer. (2)