

MAR THOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, TIRUVALLA
First Assessment Examination- August, 2020
Paper II – English Literature

Class: VIII

Time: 30mts
Marks:20

Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow.

Extract-1

Both Miss Stoner and I looked at him in astonishment. Holmes continued, 'You must be in your room when your stepfather comes back. Then, when you hear him retire for the night, you must open the shutters of your window, put your lamp there as a signal to us, and then withdraw quietly into the room which you used to occupy. The rest you should leave to us.'

- a. Why did Holmes term the bell-rope, a dummy? What was the peculiarity of the ventilator? [2]
- b. Why did Holmes ask about a cat? What did Helen say then? What do you mean by *clamped*? [2]
- c. What advice did Holmes give to Helen? [3]
- d. What did Watson and Holmes hear when they were in Julia's room? What did Holmes do then? What do you mean by *vigil*? [3]

Extract-II

*Will snakes find their lairs as habitat turns to road?
Does a parking lot come first or a Puerto Rican toad?
Will koalas in their hollows survive the ruthless logging?
Shall we bother to find out or is that too much slogging?*

- a. How is human development threatening the polar bears? What do you mean by *trawl*? [2]
- b. What are the reasons for the decline of sharks, manta rays and newts? What do you mean by *newt*? [2]
- c. Does a parking lot come first or a Puerto Rican toad
Will koalas in their hollows survive the ruthless logging?
Explain these lines and mention the poetic device used. [3]
- d. What do you mean by *with no trace*? What message does the poet convey through the last stanza of the poem? [3]
