

SECTION A

Question 1

- (c) On a cold, dark New Year's Eve [1]

Question 2

- (d) Colourful fireworks display [1]

Question 3

- (c) Betrayal [1]

Question 4

- (b) The ability to look beyond outward appearances [1]

Question 5

- (a) Freedom and oppression [1]

Question 6

- (b) Appear in court disguised as a lawyer and fight the case for Antonio. [1]

Question 7

- (b) comic relief [1]

Question 8

- (c) His short-lived, dramatic rise and fall in popularity [1]

Question 9

- (d) finding the blue bead for her necklace. [1]

Question 10

- (a) twelve feet long. [1]

SECTION B

Question 11

- (i) (a) Shylock's friend. [1]
 (ii) (a) She was spending Shylock's money extravagantly. [1]
 (iii) (c) Antonio's merchant ship had been wrecked on its way from Tripolis. [1]
 (iv) (b) Hire an officer of the law and meet him afterwards at the synagogue. [1]
 (v) (d) I will have the heart of him, if he forfeits. [1]

Question 12

- (i) (a) tense and anxious [1]
(ii) (b) She is afraid that he might choose the wrong casket and she would never see him again. [1]
(iii) (b) She would be breaking her promise to her father if she did. [1]
(iv) (c) a bedlike open frame used as a torture device. [1]
(v) (d) A ring [1]

Question 13

- (i) (d) She was desperately hungry. [1]
(ii) (c) Struck a match to warm her frozen fingers. [1]
(iii) (d) fourth [1]
(iv) (c) She was about seventeen years old. [1]
(v) (a) She froze to death. [1]

Question 14

- (i) (b) Resting on a boulder in the middle of the river. [1]
(ii) (a) He was well hidden among the drifting logs of timber. [1]
(iii) (b) Crocodiles are herbivores. [1]
(iv) (d) By clinging desperately to a floating log of wood. [1]
(v) (c) That she is innocent and childlike. [1]

Question 15

- (i) (b) paces to and fro [1]
(ii) (c) His anger. [1]
(iii) (c) To control him. [1]
(iv) (d) pouring his heart out in song [1]
(v) (a) Frustration [1]

Question 16

- (i) (d) Attempted the impossible. [1]
(ii) (d) Greeted and cheered by loyal crowds. [1]
(iii) (b) I have done everything that was humanly possible. [1]
(iv) (a) To greet and welcome the Patriot. [1]
(v) (b) Bitter. [1]

(iv) Read the following statement and pick out the one that is NOT true of the Little Match Girl. [1]

- (a) She came from a very poor family.
- (b) She loved her grandmother dearly.
- (c) She was about seventeen years old.
- (d) She had no slippers of her own, so she wore her mother's.

Answer: _____

(v) What happened to the little girl at the end of the story? [1]

- (a) She froze to death.
- (b) Her father came looking for her.
- (c) Some kind people gave her food and shelter.
- (d) An angel appeared and carried her away to her grandmother's house.

Answer: _____

Question 14

Read the following extract from the short story, 'The Blue Bead' and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate response from the choices given below:

At the same moment, a Gujar woman came down with two gurrals of water on the other side. In order to get the good clear water, which would quickly fill both gurrals to the top without sand, she walked onto the stepping-stones.

She was within a yard of the crocodile when he lunged at her.

(i) What was Sibia doing when the Gujar woman came down to the river to collect water? [1]

- (a) On her way to the cave to check on her clay cups.
- (b) Resting on a boulder in the middle of the river.
- (c) Walking home with her mother after a hard day's work.
- (d) Cutting paper grass on the mountainside.

Answer: _____

(ii) Why did the Gujar woman not notice the crocodile until it was too late? [1]

SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATION

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

(ENGLISH PAPER 2)

Maximum Marks: 40

Time allowed: One hour.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 10 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

ALL QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSORY.

The marks intended for questions are given in brackets [].

Select the correct option for each of the following questions.

SECTION A

Attempt all questions.

Question 1

When is Hans Christian Andersen's story, 'The Little Match Girl' set? [1]

- (a) On a cold, dark, Christmas Eve
- (b) On a cold, wet, winter's day
- (c) On a cold, dark New Year's Eve
- (d) On a snowy day in early December

Answer: _____

Question 2

Which of the following does NOT appear in the visions that the Little Match girl sees? [1]

- (a) A beautifully decorated Christmas Tree
- (b) Her kind and loving Grandmother
- (c) An iron stove with brass handles
- (d) Colourful fireworks display

Answer: _____

This paper consists of 13 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Question 15

Read the following extract from the poem, 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings' and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate response from the choices given below:

*But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage*

- (i) The word 'stalks' in the above extract can best be replaced with _____ . [1]
- (a) plant stems.
 - (b) paces to and fro.
 - (c) hides in a corner.
 - (d) crowds.

Answer: _____

- (ii) What is the caged bird blinded by? [1]
- (a) The bars of his cage.
 - (b) His tears.
 - (c) His anger.
 - (d) His fears.

Answer: _____

- (iii) Why have the bird's wings been clipped and his feet tied? [1]
- (a) To punish him.
 - (b) To tease him.
 - (c) To control him.
 - (d) To make him fit into the cage.

Answer: _____

(iii) Why does Portia say she cannot help Bassanio choose the right casket?

[1]

- (a) It would be dishonest if she did.
- (b) She would be breaking her promise to her father if she did.
- (c) She believes in justice and fair play.
- (d) She has sworn not to help him.

Answer: _____

(iv) *"Let me choose: For, as I am, I live upon the rack."* says Bassanio in response to Portia's plea.

[1]

Give the meaning of the word 'rack' in this context.

- (a) A wooden shelf to hold books
- (b) a framework, for holding or storing things
- (c) a bedlike open frame used as a torture device.
- (d) To cause extreme pain or distress

Answer: _____

(v) What does Portia give to Bassanio as a token of her love?

[1]

- (a) Her house
- (b) Her servants
- (c) Herself
- (d) A ring

Answer: _____

Question 3

When Shylock speaks of Jessica's elopement he exclaims, 'My own flesh and blood to rebel!'. What feeling do his words convey? [1]

- (a) Pride
- (b) Envy
- (c) Betrayal
- (d) Remorse

Answer: _____

Question 4

What important character trait of Bassanio's helps him choose the right casket? [1]

- (a) His honesty and integrity
- (b) The ability to look beyond outward appearances
- (c) His love for Portia
- (d) His dislike of gold and silver

Answer: _____

Question 5

What is the central theme of Maya Angelou's poem, '*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*'? [1]

- (a) Freedom and oppression
- (b) Reality and appearance
- (c) Animal Rights
- (d) Environmental crisis

Answer: _____

Question 9

In the short story, 'The Blue Bead', the highlight of Sibia's day was _____ [1]

- (a) killing the crocodile.
- (b) rescuing the Gujar woman.
- (c) killing the crocodile and rescuing the Gujar woman.
- (d) finding the blue bead for her necklace.

Answer: _____

Question 10

The author says that the crocodile was 'twice the length of a tall man'. This means that the crocodile was approximately _____ [1]

- (a) twelve feet long.
- (b) four feet long.
- (c) twenty feet long.
- (d) fifty feet long.

Answer: _____

SECTION B

Question 11

Read the following extract from *The Merchant of Venice* (Act 3) and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate response from the choices given below:

Shylock: How now, Tubal! What news from Genoa?

Hast thou found my daughter?

Tubal: I often came where I did hear of her, but cannot find her.

- (i) Who is Tubal?
 - (a) Shylock's friend.
 - (b) Antonio's friend.
 - (c) The devil.
 - (d) Shylock's wife

Answer: _____

[1] **Question 6**

How does Portia plan to rescue her husband's friend Antonio from Shylock's clutches? [1]

- (a) She would pay six thousand ducats and deface the bond.
- (b) Appear in court disguised as a lawyer and fight the case for Antonio.
- (c) Spend some days at a monastery in prayer and meditation accompanied only by Nerissa.
- (d) Humiliate Shylock at the trial and win the case for Antonio.

Answer: _____

[1] **Question 7**

The conversation between Launcelot, Jessica and Lorenzo in Act 3 Scene 5, creates [1]
_____ before the highly dramatic Trial Scene that follows.

- (a) dramatic irony
- (b) comic relief
- (c) heightened tension
- (d) an unpleasant atmosphere

Answer: _____

Question 8

What is the Patriot in Browning's poem referring to when he says, 'Thus I entered, and thus [1]
I go!''?

- (a) His birth and death.
- (b) His entry into public life and his decision to quit
- (c) His short-lived, dramatic rise and fall in popularity
- (d) His career as a soldier

Answer: _____

- (a) He was well hidden among the drifting logs of timber.
- (b) She was thinking about the men who had gone to the bazaar.
- (c) She could not see very well.
- (d) It was pitch dark as it was late at night.

Answer: _____

(iii) Listed below are some facts about crocodiles taken from the story. Pick out the one which is NOT true: [1]

- (a) Crocodiles are afraid of noise.
- (b) Crocodiles are herbivores.
- (c) Crocodiles swallow stones to assist with their digestion.
- (d) Crocodiles have thick, impenetrable hides

Answer: _____

(iv) How did the Gujar woman try to save herself? [1]

- (a) By uttering a shrill, piercing scream.
- (b) By dropping her gurrachs into the river.
- (c) By driving her hayfork into the creature's eye with all her might.
- (d) By clinging desperately to a floating log of wood.

Answer: _____

(v) What does Sibia's delight in finding the blue bead tell us about her nature? [1]

- (a) That she is a remarkably courageous young girl.
- (b) That she is an immature child-woman.
- (c) That she is innocent and childlike.
- (d) That she is childish and brave.

Answer: _____