



PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NORTHERN PROVINCE



SECOND TERM EXAMINATION- 2018

APPRECIATION OF LITERATURE

Grade 11

Index No:.....

3 hours

Part-1

Section A- Answer all questions

Read the given extracts and answer the questions given below them:

(i) "The cure for this ill is not to sit still,
or frowst with a book by the fire"

- From which work have these lines been taken? Who wrote them? (1)
- What is referred to as 'ill'? What suggestions are given to avoid this illness? (2)
- How would you describe the tone or attitude of the speaker here? (2)

(ii) "Son of the old moon –Mountains African
Chief of the Pyramid and crocodile"

- From where are these lines taken? Who wrote them? (1)
- What is referred to in these lines? What literary device is used here? (2)
- What is the significance of the above technique? (2)

(iii) "Region that was so carefully sealed from youthful eyes and concerning which
no questions were ever answered. It came up to his expectations."

- From which text has this extract been taken? Who is the author? (1)
- What is referred to as 'Region'? What type of a place is that? (2)
- What is the significance of the 'Region' in this extract? (2)

(iv) "They were barefoot, but they didn't slow down because stones or thorns were
hurting them. They did not say a word".

- Name the text from which this extract is taken? Who is the author? (1)
- Who are referred to as 'they'? Why did not they slow down? (2)
- How do you feel about this situation? (2)

(v) "I'm almost ready to let the debt go.
and I'm not angry any longer..... wonderful woman".

- Where do you find these lines? Who wrote them? (1)
- Who speaks this line? Who is mentioned as "Wonderful woman"? (2)
- Which quality of the person is described here? Describe briefly. (2)

(vi). 'Yes, I dislike you. I don't like you. I'm not fond of you. You are a cross woman.

- Name the work from which these lines are taken. Name the author. (1)
- Who is the speaker? To whom is he/ she speaking? (2)
- What is the tone of the speaker here? Describe briefly. (2)

(5x6=30marks)

Section B- Answer question in either (a), (b), or (c)

Either

(a). Read the following extract and answer questions given below it.

"Jegan felt that he was following a stranger, When Mali approached him, extending his hand, he tried to shrink away and shield behind the cousin. When he had to speak to his son, with great difficulty he restrained himself behind the cousin. When he had to speak to his son, with great difficulty he restrained himself from calling him 'sir' and employing the honorific plural.

Matters became worse when Mali indicated the girl at his side and said, "This is Grace. We are married". "Grace, my dad" complete confusion. Married? When were you married? You didn't tell me. Don't you have to tell your father? Who is she? Anyway she looks like a Chinese. Don't you know that one can't marry a Chinese nowadays? They have invaded our boarder....."

- What is the situation presented in this extract? What was the worst matter described in this extract? (2)
- What kind of thoughts did the person called Jegan have in his mind? (2)
- Write the meanings of the following in your words
 - restrained-
 - Shrink away (2)
- What aspects of the character Jegan are expressed in this extract? (4)

Or

(b) Read the following extract and answer questions given below it.

Tom gazed at the dish a puzzled moment or two, then raised it to his lips, and gravely took a draught. Then he returned it to the waiting lord, and said: 'Nay, it likes me not, my lord: it hath a pretty flavour, but it wanteth strength'.

This new eccentricity of the prince's ruined mind made all the hearts about him ache: but the sad sight moved none to merriment'.

Tom's next unconscious blunder was to get up and leave the table just when the chaplain had taken his stand behind his chair and with uplifted hands, and closed, uplifted eyes., was in the act of beginning the blessing. Still nobody seemed to perceive that the prince had done a thing unusual.

- a. What is the situation presented in this extract? (2)
- b. What were Tom's unconscious blunders? (2)
- c. Write the meanings of the following in your own words? (2)
 - i. Eccentricity
 - ii. Perceive
- d. What ideas of Tom and the on-lookers are revealed in this paragraph?(4)

Or

c) Read the following extract and answer questions given below it.

The suitcase mother carried in one hand and reed bag-"Pan Malla" which I carried and which smelled of onions and pilchard rice were deposited on the ground and Tony settled down among them, Panting happily and giving us grateful looks, for he was allowed to follow us this far from home. I squatted by his side in the gloom of late evening and felt him warm, and my fingers were moving through the soft light brown coat and I kissed him lightly on the forehead and there was a quick moment of the muzzle couching my cheek.

- a. What is the situation presented in this extract? Who is referred to as I? (2)
- b. Whose sweet memories are revealed here? What are they? (2)
- c. Write the meanings of the followings in your own words (2)
 - i. deposited
 - ii. squatted
- d. Which aspects of the character 'I' are reflected in this passage? (4)

Part 11

POETRY

(Answer one question only)

1. The Poem 'A bird came down the walk' shows the independence of nature. Do you agree? Discuss with examples from the poem.
2. 'The Clown's wife' shows the gap between the public and private lives of people. Discuss
3. "The Terrorist He's watching" is a cinematic presentation of a narrative. Discuss
4. Most humans do not think twice before they speak' Justify this statement
5. The poem 'Richard Cory' suggests that the rich are happy is a myth. Comment with close reference to the text.



(15 Marks)

PROSE

(Answer one question only)

6. Sangakara is not only a clever cricketer but also a patriot. Discuss
7. What qualities of a mother would you see through the character Sonali Dereniyagala in the prose "Wave"
8. What makes Oscar Wilde's "Nightingale and the Rose" particularly appealing to Children?
9. Do you sympathize for Nicholas who is trying to uphold the world of children in the short story "The Lumber Room". Comment.

(15 marks)

Drama

(Answer one question only)

10. The sudden and dramatic changes in the two main characters create humour in the drama "The Bear". Discuss with examples
11. "Human beings' greediness for money destroys the happiness and peace in their lives". How is this statement emphasized in the drama "Twilight of a crane"?

(15Marks)

NOVEL

(Answer one question only)

12. How does the writer in "The Prince and the Pauper" depict the social discrimination in the past England society?
13. Jagan's life style paves way for the conflict between Mali and him in the novel "The Vendor of sweets". Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer.
14. The novel " Bringing Tony Home" conveys a deep sense of nostalgia for the past". Discuss

(15Marks)



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