

BLOSSOMS – I (Old Course)

ENGLISH LITERATURE
M. Marks: 100

Class: XI
Time: 2 .30 Hrs

Q1. Explain all the three following with reference to the context (100 words)

- a) Much have I travelled in the realms of gold,
and many goodly states and kingdom seen,
Round many western islands have I been,
Which bards in fealty to Appolo hold.

OR

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

- b) Simen cut the bread, crumbled it into the birth and they began to eat. Matrena sat at the corner of the table, resting her head on her hand and looking at the stranger.

OR

A gruesome and hideous cloudburst shook the universe, a streak of lightening teased past the well and the Church. The woman closed her eyes in dread.

- c) The first thing I do when I return to eork after a holiday is to have breakfast sent up to me in bed. How different from all those miseriesof early rising which are almost inseparable from a holiday!

OR

We are only what might have been and must wait upon the tedious shores of Lethe millions at ages before we have existence, and a name – and immediately awaking, I found myself quietly seated in my bachelor arm-chair, where I had fallen asleep, with the faithful Bridget unchanged by my side – but John L. was gone forever.

Q2.

(3 X 8 = 24)

- a) What are Ruskin's views on reading?

OR

Comment on the style of language used by the author in the essay "Back to the Desk".

- b) Life is not all about rules, it is about results. Discuss

OR

What is so special about the weather in England?

- c) Do you find the autobiographical element in "Dream Children". Elaborate.

OR

What are Forster's views on _____ ?

(3x10= 30)

ATTEMPT ALL THE FIVE VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

Q3)

- a) What figure of speech does Donne employ to draw surprising comparisons?
- b) Which figure of speech does Byron use in the line "She walks in beauty, like the night of cloudless clines and starry skies".
- c) What is a sonnet? What is the rhyme scheme of the English Sonnet?
- d) Which figure of speech does Keats employ in the opening lines? What does he compare poetry with?
- e) What is the rhyming pattern of the poem "Stopping by woods".

(5 X 5 = 25)

Attempt any five questions

Q4

- a) What are the literary devices used in 'shall I compare Thee to A summer's Day'?
- b) Comment on the use of personification in the poem "Death Be Not Proud"
- c) Identify the literary devices used in the below stanza:- No
Night angle did ever chant
More welcome notes to weary bands of travellers in some shady haunt, Among
Arabian sands:
A voice so thrilling ne'er was heard in spring-time from the cuckoo-bird,
Breaking the silence of the seas among the farthest Hebrides.
- d) Comment on the use of the literary device used in the following lines:-
 - I. Of cloudless climes and starry skies
 - II. Which waves in every raven stress
 - III. Or softly lightens o'er her face
- e) Which literary device/s is used in the following line/s:-
 - I. Or like stout Cortez when his eagle eyes
He star'd at the Pacific and all his men
looked at each other with a wild
surmise-
Silent upon a peak in Darien.
- f) Comment on the use of symbolism in "Stopping by woods"
- g) How does the poet use personification in 'silver'? Justify.
- h) Cite some examples of allusion in "The Journey of Magi"

Attempt all the six MCQ's

Q5)

- 1) William Shakespeare was born in the year:
 - a) 1564

- b) 1565
 - c) 1566
 - d) 1567
- 2) T.S Eliot was awarded the order of reser and the Noble Prize for Literature in the year:
- a) 1945
 - b) 1946
 - c) 1947
 - d) 1948
- 3) The rounness is translated in English by
- a) Prof. G. K. Malik
 - b) Prof. Neerja Matoo
 - c) Pt. Shiv Nath
 - d) Hari Krishan ____ -
- 4) Who was the first Indian to receive Noble Prize in Literature:
- a) Rabindra Nath Tagore
 - b) C. V. Raman
 - c) Mother Teresa
 - d) A.O.T
- 5) John James Ruskin was born in:
- a) London
 - b) Russia
 - c) England
 - d) India
- 6) Alpha of the Plouge is the pen name of:
- a) A. G. Gardner
 - b) Charles Lamb
 - c) John Ruskin
 - d) Robert Lynd

(1 X 6 = 6)