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| TIME | $: 2$ HRS. |  | MARKS | $: 80$ |

Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately. You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper. This given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answer.

Attempt five question in all.
You must attempt one question from each of the Section A, B and C and any two other questions. The intended marks for questions or parts of question or parts of questions are given in brackets []

## SECTION ‘A' DRAMA

Q.I. Read the extra below and answer the following questions.

Bassanio : "Tis not unknown to you Antonio
How much I have disabled mine estate"
a) Where are Bassanio \& Antonio? What according to Bassanio is not unkown to Antonio? Elaborate. [3]
b) What childhood example does Bassanio put forth to Antonio before unfolding his plan?
c) What does Bassanio actually want from Antonio? Why? What urges Bassanio to take this risk?
d) What is Antonio's predicament at this juncture? How does he plan to overcome it?
e) What type of relationship do Antonio and Bassanio share? What does this scene reveal anout Antonio \& Bassanio's personality? Who is better person? why?
Give a reason to support your answer.
Q.II. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:

Portia: "Tarry Jew,
The law bath' yet another hold on you
It is enacted in the laws of Venica
if it he proved against -----
a) What is enacted in the laws of Venice?
b) What mercy does Antonio now render to Shylock? What other conditions are put forth by him?
c) How do Bassanio and Antonio gratify the 'Young gentlemen' a little later?
d) A little earlier in the scene, Portia enters dressed as a doctor of law with a letter. What were the contents of the letter?
c) Which two adjectives would describe Portia in this scene? List major difference between Jessica and Portia. Whom do you appreciate and why?

## SECTION - POETRY

Q.III Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:
'Sarla and Tarla are married
Their husband are very nice boys'
a) Who is the narrator? To whom is he speaking? How do they know each other? What is the speaker present occupation? What type of a poem is this?
b) What details does the speaker give a about his children and sons? Explain the term 'black sheep'. Why was the expression used?
c) According to the speaker what is the price of old age? Briefly comment on his health
d) How many questions does the speaker ask the listener? What were the questions? How old is the speaker? What toils us that he is optimistic?
e) 'Now you are a man of weight \& consequence' what does the line suggest? Bring out the significance of the above remark? Narrate an example from the poem which is ironical.
Q. IV. Read the extract given below and answers the following questions
'I kept on firing on them, Sir... I tried to do my best
But finally sat down with this small pain in my chest
a) Where is the speaker stirring? Whom did he beckon and why? What is the significance of 'small pain my chest'
b) How long did the battle last? What could be seen in the morning? What optimism did the speaker portray despite his state?
c) With reference to the term 'Asian dirt' explain where the battle took place and why?
d) What makes the speaker feel foolish? What are his thoughts about his wife and mother's reaction?
e) What were the last words of the speaker to the narrator? What message does the poem say?

## SECTION-C-PROSE

Q.V. Read the extract given below and answer the following
"Both are equally journal," observed one of the guests, "for they both have the same object----"
a) Who had given a party? What was being discussed? Why were most guests against the topic of discussion?
b) What was the host's opinion on the topic of discussion? Explain the terms humane'
c) What did the lawyer choose? Why? What did the host do on an impulse?
d) According to the terms of the agreement what was the lawyer not permitted to do? What did he do in the second half of the sixth year?
e) What does the lawyer finally say in his letter to the host about the bet, and its terms? What in your opinion is the message conveyed through this lesson?

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