

D.A.V. Public School BARIATU Ranchi
ASSIGNMENT III (Session: 2024 -2025)
Class VIII
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
LITERATURE

(Part 1)

1. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

Bangle Sellers are we who bear, Our shining load the temple fair. Who will buy these delicate bright, Rainbow tinted circles of light? Lustrous tokens of radiant lives, For happy daughters and happy wives.

- (a) Who are 'we' in the above lines? 1
(b) Where are 'we' going in the above lines ? 1
(c) Name the figure of speech/literary device used in the fourth line. 1
(d) What makes daughters and wives happy? 1

2. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:[2x6-12]

a) How can a person lead a successful life according to Alexander

Pope?(Couplets)

(b) What did the peon tell Swami when he went to give the letter?

(Father's Help)

(c) The poem "The Children's Song' has a universal message for everyone. What is the message ?

(d) How did William Morris conclude that the woman staring at the undertaker's shop was not mourning?

(f) The waiter in the lesson 'The Luncheon' seemed to have understood the weakness of the lady. What is her weakness?

4.. Imagine yourself as Mr. Regnier. Write a letter to your friend describing how William Morris recovered the expensive lower ring using his presence of mind and common sense. Also add how you plan to reward him for saving you from such a big loss. (80-90 words) [5]

Part 2

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

"We can't do this to her. She isn't a young woman now.

How will she find a new job?"

- (a) Identify the speaker of the above extract. (1)
- (b) Who is being talked about in the above line ? (1)
- (c) "We can't do this to her." What does 'this' mean here? (1)
- (d) What do the above lines tell us about the speaker? Mention any two. (1)

2. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each:(2x6=12)

- (a) What idea do you get about the children who are singing 'The Children's Song'? (The Children's Song)
- (b) Why did the disappearance of the flower ring upset Mr. Regnier? (The Case of the Sharp Eyed Jeweller)(4)
- (c) Why couldn't Swami deliver the letter to the headmaster even after the school? (Father's Help)
- (d) Why was the narrator worried when they were waiting for asparagus to be cooked? (The Luncheon)
- (e) One who follows the path of truth can never be wrong. Comment. (Couplets)4. You are Baldev, You are very happy that your childhood friend helped you in getting your son released from a false case of dacoity. Write a letter to your friend thanking him for his timely help. [Word limit: 80-90 words] (5)

OR

Imagine you are the narrator in the story 'The Luncheon'. Write a diary entry expressing your satisfaction on observing the woman put on a lot of weight when you meet her after twenty years. [Word limit: 80-90 words]

Part 4

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follows:-

Some are purple and gold flecked grey

For her who has journeyed through life midway,

Whose hands have cherished,

whose love has blent And cradled fair sons on her faithful breast,
Who serves her household in faithful pride,
And worships the Gods at her husband's side

- (a) Whom are purple and gold flecked grey hargles meant for?
- (b) What does 'journeyed through life midway' mean?
- (c) Explain: faithful pride.
- (d) In the third line, whom have these hands cherished?
- (e) Name the poet of the above lines.

OR

My Dad knew his duties. He said, That's all right- You'll have what you want, dear. I'll start work tonight. With my expert assistance, he soon finished the chore:

- (a) What does this extract tell about the Dad?
- (b) You' in the second line refers to
- (c) Who finished the chore?
- (d) With whose expert assistance was the chow finished?
- (e) The veord 'assistance means

2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow saved some money, so I don't need any nove It doesn't matter, sir. I've saved But I want to stay here, sir. It is my home

- (a) It doesn't matter, sir. What does It' here refer to?
- (b) Who has saved some money?
- (c) Why does the speaker need no money?
- (d) What does the above statement reveal about the speaker? (two points)

3. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.(35 Marks) 5×1-5 18+2-20

- (a) List the qualities or virtues (at least six) which the children should possess in order to serve their motherland to the best of their capabilities. (The Children's Song)

(b) Criminals can be outwitted with presence of mind. Explain the statement (The Case of Sharp. Eyed Jeweller)

(c) Describe the bangles carried by the bangle sellers the temple fair(Bangle Sellers)

(d) Analyse the character of Mr. Hill before the bad dream that he dreamt. (A Bad Dream)

(e) The best way to live is tread the middle path and avoid leaning on the extremes. Illustrate the statement with an example from your own life [Couplets]

4. Imagine me you are Mrs. Hill. Write a diary entry expressing your relief at your husband's changed attitude and compassionate nature for his fellow beings. (A Bad Dream)

Part V

1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

"In faith and hope the world will disagree, But all mankind's concern is charity"

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) What does 'faith' refer to?
- (c) What will the world disagree on?
- (d) What is the main concern of mankind and why?

OR

- a. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow
- b. Land of our Birth, our faith, our pride, For whose dear sake our
- c. fathers died, Oh, Motherland, we pledge to thee Head, heart and hand
- d. through years to be
- e. (a) Name the poem and the poet of the above extract?
- f. (b) Why does the poet call his motherland Land of faith pride
- g. (c) What do the words head, heart' and 'hand' in the line 4 refer to?

2. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each.

(a) How does the narrator introduce himself in the story, The Case of the Sharp Eyed Jeweller?

(b) What was Annie's reaction when she came to know that Mr. Hill had lost. his job? (A Bad Dream)

(c) The poetess has compared the bangles of the Indian Bride to her laughter as well as her tears. Why? (Bangle Sellers)

- (d) What does the poet mean by an undefiled heritage in the poem The Children's Song?
- (e) Why did Margie hate her school so much? (The Fun They Had)
- (f) In order to lead a successful life, a man has to tread a balanced way. Comment?
(Couplets) (Value-Based)

Part V

1. Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Some like the flame of her marriage fire Or rich with the due of her heart's desire.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) Name the figure of speech used.
- (c) Whom does 'her' in the lines refer to? Which colour describes 'her heart's desire'?

OR

I strongly recommend a quiet week in bed.

We sighed with relief and tucked her up well

Poor granny! for her it was like brief season in hell

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) Why was granny recommended one week bed rest?
- (c) Name the poetic device used in the last line of the stanza.

2. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

I agree with you now of course she is not a Good cook but she works hard.

- (a) Name the speaker and the person addressed.
- (b) Who is not a good cook and why is it said so?
- (c) Why has the speaker changed his mind?

3. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.(18+2-20)

- (a) The poem, 'The Children's Song' is highly patriotic. Justify the statement.
- (b) What were the three questions put up to the hermit and what were the answers given by him?
- (c) What was the season of hell for granny and how did she try to move out of it?

(d) How was the plan to steal the ring from the Regniers made and put into action?

(e) What are Alexander Pope's views on judgement? (Couplets)

(f) Sarojini Naidu's, 'Bangle Sellers' is deeply rooted in Indian culture and traditions. Explain.

4. Imagine you are William Morris, write a diary entry expressing your views, experience after you foiled the theft attempt and proved your loyalty towards The Regniers where you work.