



Or

My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun;

Coral is far more red than her lips' red;

If snow be white, then her breasts her dun;

If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head.

- (i) Name the poem and the poet. 2
- (ii) What do you feel about the kind of similes that were used to describe a lady's beauty during the poet's time ? 3
- (iii) Why does the poet emphasize that his beloved is different from others ? Does he want to insult her ? 5

2. Antonio's Bond 10

Or

I am sorry thou wilt leave my father so

Our house is hell; and thou, a merry devil,

Didst't rob it of some taste of tediousness.

But fare thee well; there is a ducat for thee.

- (i) Identify the speaker and the context. 2
- (ii) Who is referred to as a "merry devil" and why ? 3
- (iii) Explain the phrase, "our house is hell." 5

3. Fagin 10

Or

Nancy

## Section B

Attempt *all* questions. Each question carries 15 marks :

1. Is God a gentle father figure or a strict one imposing discipline on man ? Discuss with reference to Milton's 'Sonnet XVI : On His Blindness'. 15

Or

Compare and contrast the ladies addressed in sonnets by Wyatt and Spenser.

2. Discuss the various tests conducted by various characters in *The Merchant of Venice*. 15

Or

Critically comment upon the conflict between justice and mercy in the trial scene in *The Merchant of Venice*.

3. Discuss *Oliver Twist* as a nineteenth-century novel of industrialization. 15

Or

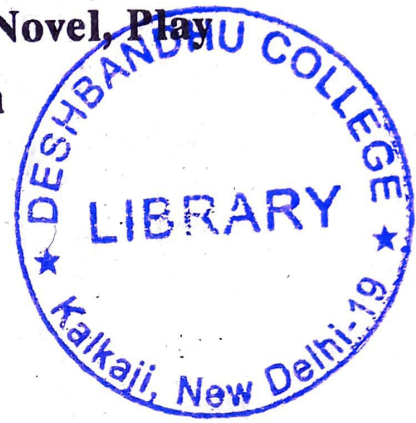
Comment on the role of the multiple substitute parents in *Oliver Twist*.

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SECTION A

Attempt all three questions.  
Each question carries 10 marks.

Write short critical notes on, or answer the questions that follow:

1. 'Not so', (quod I) 'let baser things devise  
To die in dust, thou shall live by fame:  
My verse your vertues rare shall eternise,  
And in the heavens write your glorious name.  
Where whenas death shall all the world subdue,  
Our love shall live and later life renew.'

- (a) Identify the poem and the poet. 2
- (b) Explain the phrase 'you will live by fame'. 3

- (c) Do you feel that the poet has been successful in making their love eternal? Discuss. 5

Or

Since brass, nor stone, nor earth, nor boundless sea,  
But sad mortality o'ersways their power,  
How with this rage shall beauty hold a plea,  
Whose action is no stronger than a flower?

- (a) Identify the poem and the poet. 2
- (b) What is the common link between the things mentioned in the first line? 3
- (c) Who is 'attacking' beauty? Can beauty resist this rage? Discuss. 5

2. The casket scene. 10

Or

The old proverb is very well parted between my master Shylock and you sir, you have "the grace of God" sir, and he hath "enough".

- (a) Identify the speaker and the context. 2
- (b) Who are the lines addressed to and why? 3
- (c) Explain the phrase, 'he hath enough'. 5

3. Mr. Bumble

Or

Bill Sikes. 10

## SECTION B

Attempt all questions.  
Each question carries 15 marks.

4. F.T.Prince writes, "This is what the sonnet can do, this is what it is for: to express conflict in the lover. Every sonnet is a compressed drama ... ." Do his words hold true of Milton's 'Sonnet XVI : On His Blindness' even though the theme is not love?

Or

Is Shakespeare's Sonnet CXXX a plea for realism or is it a romantic poem despite appearances? Discuss. 15

5. *Oliver Twist* can be seen as Dickens' satire on the institution of family and realism. Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.

Or

Discuss *Oliver Twist* as a Victorian novel of growing up. 15

6. Critically comment on the conflict between justice and mercy in the trial scene in *The Merchant of Venice*.

Or

Compare and contrast the business world of Venice to the opulent world of Belmont as the settings of *The Merchant of Venice*. 15



*Or*

- (b) Write a feature article on the concept of homestay as livelihood in Indian Himalayas.
3. Draft a notice for collecting the names of participants for an essay writing competition. 5
4. Draft a questionnaire for conduction of a survey on any of the following : 10
- (a) Systematic reforms to Government School Education in Delhi.
- Or*
- (b) Awareness of financial security among young adults of age group 25-35.
5. Using **200-250** words, compose an essay on any of the following : 10
- (a) The joy of less : A minimalist lifestyle.
- Or*
- (b) Is Social Media making students lose interest in academics ?
6. Draft, in about **200** words, a public speech on how to save rivers in India. 10

*Or*

- Write a public speech on Youth Unemployment as the biggest worry of our nation.
7. Using **200-250** words, prepare a short report on a workshop on mental health that you have recently attended. 10
- Or*
- Write a short report on a protest march recently held by student forums against privatization of higher education in India.
8. Write at least *five* turns, creating a dialogue between two best friends on the importance of setting up The Wall of Kindness to donate clothes, food and books to the needy people at/near their college gate.
- Or*
- Prepare a dialogue between a financial advisor and a student on how to reduce the cost of living in a metro city. 10



- (5) Mr. Ram Nath Kovind is the President of India.
- (6) Rohan is going to the market.
- (7) The Boxing Championship will be held in Hyderabad.
- (8) His childhood was spent in Jaipur.
- (9) The Eiffel Tower is in Paris.
- (10) We bought some books at the fair.

2. Expand the contracted forms in the following statements : 5

Example :

*I wasn't aware of this !*

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- (1) I couldn't complete my project on time.
- (2) You'll have to work very hard if you wish to pass the exam.
- (3) It's going to rain any minute.
- (4) You've been of great help !
- (5) Mohit wasn't interested in going for the match.

3. Use contracted forms in the following sentences : 10

Example :

*Mohan is not going to Delhi.*

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- (1) He is very fluent in both English and Hindi.
- (2) The policeman was not in his uniform.
- (3) My brother and his friends were not present in class.
- (4) I have a pet dog and two kittens.
- (5) You need not attempt all questions.
- (6) They are going to announce the launch of a new channel.
- (7) The staff is not interested in going to a picnic.
- (8) It is just the right weather for some hot samosas.
- (9) She is the girl who was selected for the Miss India contest.
- (10) We have tried our best.

4. Make sentences by joining each group of words in Column A with the correct group of words in Column B :

**Column A**

**Column B**

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|---------------------|---|
| (1) Abdul and Latif | (1) to the poor.                        |
| (2) Delhi           | (2) a man of courage.                   |
| (3) Health          | (3) is situated on the banks of Hoogly. |



- (4) Kolkata (4) is the capital of India.  
 (5) Some snakes (5) is the richest man in the city.  
 (6) My father (6) are brothers.  
 (7) Be kind (7) with blue eyes.  
 (8) We all admire (8) is wealth.  
 (9) He met a girl (9) is the best policy.  
 (10) Honesty (10) are poisonous.

5. Write a short paragraph on "My First Day in College". You may use the following phrases to complete your composition : 10

*My favourite subject ... the college canteen ... the teachers  
 ... the library ... extra - curricular activities ... friends ... campus*

*Or*

- Write a short paragraph on "India of My Dreams". You may use the following phrases to complete your composition.

*India ... land of unity in diversity ... respect for all religions  
 and classes ... rich culture ... free from corruption, terrorism  
 ... respect for women ... education for all ... health, housing,  
 for all citizens.*

6. You are interested in doing a course in fashion. You see an advertisement in the Hindustan Times dated 12th September, 2019. The institute is Delhi Fashion Academy, 5 Ambedkar Marg, New Delhi. Write an application to the Director of the Institute enquiring about :

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- the duration of the course
- the fee of the course
- Whether a certificate will be issued at the end of the course.

*Or*

- Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him/her to issue a character certificate to enable you to take admission in M.A. in the University of Delhi.

7. Write a short essay on the topic "Benefits of Healthy Eating".

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*Or*

- Write a short essay on the topic "Environmental Pollution – a Threat to Existence".

8. Write a letter to your friend inviting her/him to visit Delhi during the winter vacations. Tell her/him about the places you will visit together and what you would do to make the holiday memorable. 10.

*Or*

Write a letter to your younger sister telling her about the value of time management in achieving success in life. Share your concern about her growing addiction to mobile phone and how it is taking away her focus from studies.