

- (iv) Compare and contrast the characters of Venice and Belmont.
- (v) To what extent is Shylock defined by his Jewishness and his profession ?

4. Attempt any *two* of the following questions : **7.5×2=15**

- (i) In one respect, *The Merchant of Venice* is a play about bonds and debts. What kinds of bonds are there between characters ? What debts are incurred ?
- (ii) Analyse the way that time passes in *The Merchant of Venice*, paying special attention to conflicts between time in Venice and Belmont.
- (iii) All three women in the play (Portia, Nerissa, and Jessica) disguise themselves as men for specific reasons. What does each of their disguises accomplish ? Could they have chosen another female disguise to reach their goal, or not ?

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ENGLISH (Compulsory)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Before answering the question-paper, candidates must ensure that they have been supplied with correct and complete question-paper. No complaint, in this regard will be entertained after the examination.

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Explain with the reference to context of the following : **10×1=10**

The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet
sounds,
Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils.
The motions of his spirit are dull as night
And his affections dark as Erebus.
Let no such man be trusted.

Or

How like a fawning publican he looks!
I hate him for he is a Christian,
But more, for that in low simplicity
He lends out money gratis and brings down
The rate of usance here with us in Venice.

2. Attempt any *two* of the following : **2.5×2=5**

- (a) Drama of Ideas
- (b) Comedy of Manners
- (c) Tragedy
- (d) Comedy of Humour

3. Attempt any *three* of the following questions : **5×3=15**

- (i) Discuss Portia's character. Is Bassanio a worthy husband for her ?
- (ii) Discuss the relationship between Antonio and Bassanio. What does their friendship reveal about their characters ?
- (iii) Discuss how the trial scene reveals a conflict between justice and mercy.

- (vi) The killing of a whole race
- (v) Absence of Government
- (vi) The study of the Human Mind
- (vii) One who loves his country
- (viii) One who doesn't believe in the presence of God.

8. As a recent buyer of their car, write an e-Mail to the Manager of XYZ automotive company, Mr. Kishore, regarding the poor quality of service facility available in the city. Sign the e-Mail as Anil.

Or

Write a circular to be sent to the Branch Heads to inform them about the revised working hours of the company.

7×1=7



5. Write a letter to your city's mayor demanding that a children's park be built in your neighbourhood.

10×1=10

Or

Complain in writing to the District Transport Authority's controller about the auto rickshaw drivers charging excessive fares.

6. Make a Précis of the following passage with suitable title :

7+3=10

When most people visualize a seven-, eight- or even nine-figure net worth, they aren't thinking of the money itself : The real value of money is what you can do with it. In truth, money itself is rarely the end goal. When people talk of money being a means to an end rather than an end goal, this is the underlying idea. We shouldn't be focusing solely on the act of making profits, but also on using these

assets to shape our lives and others in ways that make us happier and more fulfilled. Making a large amount of money takes an enormous amount of effort for most of us - but doing so with a specific intention in mind will make the road to achieving our goals more fulfilling. We need money to make many of our objectives a reality. Whether these objectives are of the real estate kind, material goods, or experiences — like travelling the world — money is going to — be a necessary factor for making them happen.

It's important to have goals in life and plans for the future, money-related or otherwise, but this can't prevent us from living in the present. Not all dreams and goals have to be set somewhere far off in the distant future for "when I'm rich," "when I'm CEO" or "when I've retired." Setting the goal of enjoying the

present on your way to the future won't distract you from working towards what you want to achieve. For the same reason, amassing money for the sake of amassing money will not bring you life satisfaction. You should be fully aware of the health of your finances and have a hefty reserve of funds but remember to take advantage of it while you can. Even if you're saving up for a larger expenditure, like a retirement fund or a new house, don't be afraid to spend money on things you want and experiences that enrich your life, here and now.

7. Give one word substitution of any *eight* of the following : **8×1=8**
- (i) This person is a hater of mankind
 - (ii) Practising only one marriage (having only one wife)
 - (iii) Writing of one's own life story