

---

THIRD TERM TEST - www.eduLanka.LK

LITERATURE - GRADE – 11

(Three hours)

---

- Answer five questions only
- Answer question 1 and four others selecting one from each section poetry, drama, Prose and fiction

Part 1

Section (A)

1.

- 1) “You French people have a cute way of doing business. You go and tell your boss That if he doesn’t come right away, I’m going”
  - (a) From where are these words? Who wrote them?
  - (b) Who speaks these words? To whom are they spoken?
  - (c) What impression of the speaker do you get from these words?
- 2) “In fair round belly with good capon lin’d with eyes severe ; and beard of formal Cut full of wise saws and modern instances”
  - (a) From which text are these lines taken? Who wrote them?
  - (b) Who is described in these lines? How does this person look like?
  - (c) How do you feel about this person?
- 3) He found a biscuit, got it out, sniffed it and then to my delight ate it up. I knew he was going to be all right.
  - (a) From which text are these lines taken? Who wrote them?
  - (b) What do the words “sniffed if “ tell one about he?
  - (c) What is the relationship between the writer and the other character?
- 4) “They’re saying,  
He won’t talk,  
Because he’s a thinking bird”
  - (a) From where are these lines taken? Who wrote them?
  - (b) Who are “he” and “they” here?
  - (c) Describe briefly the contrast in attitude between “he” and “they” in the above lines.
- 5) What hope she had for ordinary love and interest survives here, displaced above the bed?
  - (a) From where are these lines taken? Who wrote them?
  - (b) Where was she and why was she there?
  - (c) What do you think were her hopes?
- 6) When the sun grew stronger, he knew it was time to return.
  - (a) From where are these lines taken? Who wrote them?
  - (b) Who is he and where is he now?
  - (c) Do you think he’s happy to return? Why?

## Section (B)

- Answer questions in either (a) or (b)

(a) Read the following extract and answer the questions at the end.

I experienced a strange feeling as I heard the key turn in the lock. Here I was in that mysterious third floor room, right around me, a pale wounded victim in my care, a would murder separated from us by a single door. Now and then a step would creak, a snarling noise begin again or a deep groan make my flesh grow cold.

- Who was the victim?
- What was mysterious about the third floor room?
- What were they trying to hide in Thorn field?
- What was the impression of the speaker?

(b) Read the following extract and answer the questions

Their horns painted pink and crimson, the milk white bullocks thundered over the sand, the wooden carts lumbering after them, the drivers in their bright new turbans shouting themselves hoarse as they waved their whips in the air and urged them along “Biju’s cart – Biju’s won!” A shout went up at the far end of the beach and was passed back through the crowds on dunes. Biju standing amongst them in a new dazzling white dhoti, beamed looking larger and broader than ever with his wife and daughter beside him in their new Diwali finery. People shouted and congratulated him they seemed to have forgiven Biju at last for his boasting and arrogance after all, he had helped to rescue the drowning fishermen. That great storm had brought all the fishermen closer together, they had realized how much they depended on each other and needed each other and they seemed to be celebrating their closeness today.

- What is the situation described here?  
What are the main events? (02 marks)
- Who is Biju? What is the relationship to the people around him (02 marks)
- Explain the following words  
Turbans, Diwali, Whips. (02 marks)
- What would you say is the key sentence in the passage? Why? (04 marks)

## PART 11

- Section one question from each section.

Poetry

- Is Hillaire Beloc’s poem Matilda altogether funny?  
Justify your answer with examples from the poem.
- “Leave taking is a criticism of how elders treated in modern society” Give your opinion.
- Nothing but the grave yards are nourished by war.  
Explain the use of events to convey this idea, in the song “Where have all the flowers gone”
- What does the garden, in the Garden of Love” by William Blake symbolize? How does Blake use symbolism in the poem to bring the theme to life

Drama

- Give your ideas about Gaston’s character in “Villa for sale” Do we find such people in the modern society.
- Everyman is weak and undecided at the beginning, but strong and decided at the end. Do you agree with this statement?

Prose

- According to the writer, chumley had the qualities of a gentleman. Do you think so? Why?
- Punyakanthi Wijenayake treats the theme of childhood symbolically in her short story “Monkeys” Discuss.

Fiction

- Describe the character of Jane Eyre What features in her character appealed to you most?
- The shadows of industrialization begin to the village of Thul. How does it affect the lives of the people in Thul.