

De Mazenod College
Kandana
English Literature
First Term Test-2023



Duration: 2 hours

Grade 12

Answer *all* questions.

Part I

1. Write a brief comment on the following extracts.

- a. "And yet during all those years she had never found out the name of the priest whose yellowing photograph hung on the wall above the broken harmonium beside the coloured print of the promises made to Blessed Margaret Mary Alacoque. He had been a school friend of her father. Whenever he showed the photograph to a visitor her father used to pass it with a casual word:

"He is in Melbourne now."

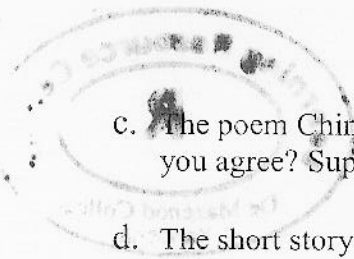
She had consented to go away, to leave her home. Was that wise? She tried to weigh each side of the question. In her home anyway she had shelter and food; she had those whom she had known all her life about her. Of course she had to work hard, both in the house and at business. What would they say of her in the Stores when they found out that she had run away with a fellow? Say she was a fool, perhaps; and her place would be filled up by advertisement. Miss Gavan would be glad. She had always had an edge on her, especially whenever there were people listening.

"Miss Hill, don't you see these ladies are waiting?"

"Look lively, Miss Hill, please."

- b. "When my mother died I was very young
And my father sold me while yet my tongue
Could scarcely cry " 'weep! 'weep! 'weep! 'weep!"
So your chimneys I sweep & in soot I sleep.

There's little Tom Dacre, who cried when his head
That curled like a lamb's back, was shaved, so I said,
"Hush, Tom! never mind it, for when your head's bare,
You know that the soot cannot spoil your white hair."

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- c. The poem Chimney Sweeper by Blake explores the consequences of industrialization. Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons.
- d. The short story Eveline by James Joyce vividly illustrates the moral paralysis of the Irish people while also throwing light on the confinement of the twentieth century women. Justify your answer with close reference to the text.

Part II

Begin your answer on a new page of your answer booklet. Write on **ONE** of the following topics. At the beginning of your composition put the number of the task you have chosen.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words.

Descriptive

1. Describe two different places where you would take a relative who is visiting you. (Remember you can describe the atmosphere and the surroundings, not just what you do there.)

Argument

2. Do you think elderly people are important in the family and modern society? Give reasons and examples to support your view.
3. What are the arguments for and against students working at part-time jobs while they are still at school? Give reasons and examples to support your view.

Narrative

4. Write a story which includes the words: 'When they entered the room, we were impressed by what they were wearing.'
5. Write a story about someone who lost all his possessions while he was helping other people.