

# REFERENCE ONLY

De Mazenod College – Kandana  
Second Term test – 2016  
Grade 9  
English literature

2016.07.14

Time - 2 hours

Name : ..... Class : .....

## PART - 1

### ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

(01) (i) “ The sun burns on half – moon hill,  
By now, the blood is dried;  
And Maurice amongst the hay lies still  
And my knife is in his side.”

- (a) From where are these lines taken? Who wrote them?
- (b) What is the situation here?
- (c) What does the narrator talk about ?

(ii) “ And he went out in the rain  
without a word without a look”

- (a) From which literary text are these lines taken ? Who wrote it ?
- (b) What is the environment created here ?
- (c) What idea does the writer want to convey by repeating the word “without” ?

(iii) “ His wings are clipped and his  
feet are tied  
So he opens his throat to sing”

- (a) From which poem are these lines taken ? Who wrote them ?
- (b) What does the writer talk about ?
- (c) Name a literary technique used by the writer ?

(iv) "He was a gentleman from sole to crown,  
clean favoured, and imperially slim."

- (a) From which poem are these lines taken? Who wrote them?
- (b) Who is referred to as 'he' and "a gentleman"?
- (c) What can you say about the personality of this person?

(v) "But he doesn't say exactly how he feels,  
doesn't say what's bothering him inside,  
Just sits there saying almost to himself."

- (a) From which text are these lines extracted? Who is the writer?
- (b) Who is referred to as 'he'? Who is the narrator?
- (c) What can you understand about the behavior of 'he'?

(vi) "He read his letters backside – fore,  
And wrote his letters backside – fore"

- (a) Where are the lines taken from? who wrote it?
- (b) What is the situation described here?
- (c) How does the writer describe 'his' peculiar behavior?

(09 marks each)

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**PART - II**

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(02) ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

(1) What kind of a person is the speaker in the poem "Farewell to Barn and Stack and Tree"?  
Is he a criminal by nature?

(2) What would you suggest is the theme of the poem "Richard Cory"?

(08 marks each)

(03) SELECT ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING.

(1) In the poem "Breakfast" the poet promotes a conflict in family life which is common to anywhere in the world.

How does the poet convey this idea?

(2) The poem "Farewell to Barn and Stack and Tree" is emotional although it talks about a crime. Do you agree with this statement? Why?

(3) In the poem "I know why the Caged Bird Sings" the poetess builds up the image of the caged bird in order to visualize the oppressed people of the world who suffer from social injustices. Explain with examples.

(4) In the poem "Richard Cory" the poet is critical about the false social values. Describe with examples.

(5) In the poem "The Clown's wife, the image created of the clown is funny, but it is sympathetic. And the whole incident becomes emotional. Do you agree? Give reasons.

(15 marks each)