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ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Explain with reference to the context any **one** of the given **two** extracts : 10

Thou know'st that all my fortunes are at sea.

Neither have I money nor commodity

To raise a present sum. Therefore, go forth,

Try what my credit can in Venice do...

Or

The quality of mercy is not strained ;

It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven

Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest ;

It blesseth him that gives and him that takes :

'Tis mightiest in the mightiest ; it becomes

The throned monarch better than his crown.

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2. Explain any **two** of the given dramatic terms :
- (i) Melodrama
 - (ii) Comedy
 - (iii) Character
 - (iv) Stagecraft. 2½×2=5
3. Answer any **three** questions in about 30 words each :
- (i) Why didn't Antonio lend Money to his friend Bassanio?
 - (ii) Write a note on Gratiano's wisdom.
 - (iii) How does Portia turn the tables on Shylock?
 - (iv) Shylock is a cunning and revengeful person. Explain why?
 - (v) Who is Jessica? 5×3=15
4. Answer any **two** questions in about 250 words each :
- (i) Comment on the trial scene in the *Merchant of Venice*.
 - (ii) Write your opinion about Shylock as presented in the play.
 - (iii) Draw a character sketch of Bassanio. 7½×2=15

5. Write **one** of the given official/business letters.

Write an application for the post of an English teacher
in a School

Or

Write a letter to the General Manager, Roadways to
make a halt of the bus near your college. 10

6. Write a précis of the following passage and assign a
suitable title : 10

COVID–19 has changed our personal and public life
in a way that we had never imagined. The impact of
the pandemic is huge and every aspect of human
life is under deep stress throughout the World. Today,
we are mostly stuck in our homes because of the
COVID–19 pandemic, communicating with friends
and co-activists online. We are unable to attend
Offices, Schools and Colleges, gather in crowds and
travel freely. But sitting at home and studying while
seeing all death and suffering caused by the economic
situation is really depressing. Actually, the virus is
not only attacking our physical health, it is also
increasing psychological suffering. A proper mental
health enables us to lead rich and fulfilling lives

and to participate fully in our communities. Even without the pandemic, it is estimated that one in six of us generally suffer a mental health issue during our lifetimes. We are witnessing the loss of loved ones, anxiety at the loss of jobs, isolation and restrictions on movement, uncertainty and fear for the future. Newspapers editorials tell us daily that in future there will be a clear line of break, pre- and post-COVID-19 world order. In Indian context, after initial success in stopping the spread of this deadly virus, glaring scenes of human suffering of migrant labours have shocked us all. In order to utilize opportunities of a new world order, Indian policy makers need to focus on the well-being of labour class and peasantry. The present situation might seem hopeless and society might never be same, but that should not stop us from working toward a better future for everyone. We have to start working for this better future right now during the crisis.

7. Write one-word substitution of any **eight** expressions out of ten : 8
- (i) Not to be seen with human eyes.
 - (ii) The practice of marrying two wives.

- (iii) Anything through which we cannot see.
- (iv) One who has all the knowledge.
- (v) Someone who is shy, quiet and unable to make friends easily.
- (vi) A word or custom which was used in old times.
- (vii) A medicine which can cure all diseases.
- (viii) A speech delivered without preparation.
- (ix) Something likely to cause death.
- (x) A man who is unmarried.

8. Write a short note on anyone of the following :

You are a volunteer of NSS. Write an email to your teacher/coordinator of NSS giving details of your Social work in your Village.

Or

Write an RTI application to get information about how many blood donation camps have been organized by District Red Cross Society during the year 2018-19.

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