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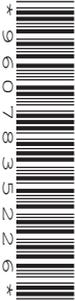
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## Section A: Poetry

THOMAS HARDY: *Selected Poems*1 **Either** (a) 'He was a man who used to notice such things.'Discuss Hardy's use of close observation in **two** poems.**Or** (b) Comment closely on ways in which Hardy creates a mood of thoughtful reflection in the following poem.*After a Journey*

Hereto I come to view a voiceless ghost;  
     Whither, O whither will its whim now draw me?  
 Up the cliff, down, till I'm lonely, lost,  
     And the unseen waters' ejaculations awe me.

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Where you will next be there's no knowing,  
     Facing round about me everywhere,  
         With your nut-coloured hair,  
 And gray eyes, and rose-flush coming and going.

Yes: I have re-entered your olden haunts at last;  
     Through the years, through the dead scenes I have tracked you;

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What have you now found to say of our past –  
     Scanned across the dark space wherein I have lacked you?  
 Summer gave us sweets, but autumn wrought division?  
     Things were not lastly as firstly well

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        With us twain, you tell?  
 But all's closed now, despite Time's derision.

I see what you are doing: you are leading me on  
     To the spots we knew when we haunted here together,  
 The waterfall, above which the mist-bow shone  
     At the then fair hour in the then fair weather,

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And the cave just under, with a voice still so hollow  
     That it seems to call out to me from forty years ago,  
         When you were all aglow,  
 And not the thin ghost that I now frailly follow!

Ignorant of what there is flitting here to see,

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    The waked birds preen and the seals flop lazily,  
 Soon you will have, Dear, to vanish from me,  
     For the stars close their shutters and the dawn whitens hazily.  
 Trust me, I mind not, though Life lours,  
     The bringing me here; nay, bring me here again!

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        I am just the same as when  
 Our days were a joy, and our paths through flowers.

SEAMUS HEANEY: *District and Circle*

- 2 **Either** (a) Discuss ways in which Heaney creates a sense of a specific place in **two** poems.
- Or** (b) Comment closely on the following poem, discussing ways in which Heaney presents the harrow-pin.

*The Harrow-Pin*

We'd be told, 'If you don't behave

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And horse-sensed as the travelled Gulliver,  
What virtue he approved (and would assay)  
Was in hammered iron.

*Songs of Ourselves*

- 3 **Either** (a) Compare ways in which poets evoke past times or events in **two** poems from your selection.
- Or** (b) Comment closely on ways in which the writer expresses grief in the following poem.

*Song: Tears, Idle Tears*

Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean,  
 Tears from the depth of some divine despair  
 Rise in the heart, and gather to the eyes,  
 In looking on the happy Autumn-fields,  
 And thinking of the days that are no more. 5

Fresh as the first beam glittering on a sail,  
 That brings our friends up from the underworld,  
 Sad as the last which reddens over one  
 That sinks with all we love below the verge;  
 So sad, so fresh, the days that are no more. 10

Ah, sad and strange as in dark summer dawns  
 The earliest pipe of half-awakened birds  
 To dying ears, when unto dying eyes  
 The casement slowly grows a glimmering square;  
 So sad, so strange, the days that are no more. 15

Dear as remembered kisses after death,  
 And sweet as those by hopeless fancy feigned  
 On lips that are for others; deep as love,  
 Deep as first love, and wild with all regret;  
 O Death in Life, the days that are no more. 20

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

**Turn to page 6 for Question 4**

**Section B: Prose**

CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE: *Half of a Yellow Sun*

- 4 **Either** (a) Adichie says that she ‘wanted to write about love and war’.
- Discuss some of the effects Adichie creates with this combination.
- Or** (b) Discuss the following passage in detail, paying particular attention to ways in which it presents the characters’ responses to Kainene’s disappearance.

‘Is Kainene back?’ Odenigbo asked.

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As she drove them home, she hummed steadily under her breath.

Chapter 33

E.M. FORSTER: *A Passage to India*

- 5 **Either** (a) Discuss Forster's presentation of the wives of the English officials, and their contribution to the novel.
- Or** (b) Discuss the following passage in detail, commenting on its presentation of the relationship between Fielding and Aziz at this point in the novel.

'If the weather lifts, we want to see your torchlight procession from the water this evening,' he pursued. 'I wrote to Godbole about it, but he has taken no notice; it's a place of the dead.'

'Perhaps your letter never reached the Minister in question.'

'Will there be any objection to English people watching the procession?'

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'I know nothing at all about the religion here. I should never think of watching it myself.'

'We had a very different reception both at Mudkul and Deora, they were kindness itself at Deora, the Maharajah and Maharani wanted us to see everything.'

'You should never have left them.'

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'Jump in, Ralph' – they had reached the carriage.

'Jump in, Mr Quested, and Mr Fielding.'

'Who on earth is Mr Quested?'

'Do I mispronounce that well-known name? Is he not your wife's brother?'

'Who on earth do you suppose I've married?'

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'I'm only Ralph Moore,' said the boy, blushing, and at that moment there fell another pailful of the rain, and made a mist round their feet. Aziz tried to withdraw, but it was too late.

'Quested? Quested? Don't you know that my wife was Mrs Moore's daughter?'

He trembled, and went purplish gray; he hated the news, hated hearing the name Moore.

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'Perhaps this explains your odd attitude?'

'And pray what is wrong with my attitude?'

'The preposterous letter you allowed Mahmoud Ali to write for you.'

'This is a very useless conversation, I consider.'

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'How ever did you make such a mistake?' said Fielding, more friendly than before, but scathing and scornful. 'It's almost unbelievable. I should think I wrote you half a dozen times, mentioning my wife by name. Miss Quested! What an extraordinary notion!' From his smile, Aziz guessed that Stella was beautiful. 'Miss Quested is our best friend, she introduced us, but ... what an amazing notion. Aziz, we must thrash this misunderstanding out later on. It is clearly some devilry of Mahmoud Ali's. He knows perfectly well I married Miss Moore. He called her "Heaslop's sister" in his insolent letter to me.'

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The name woke furies in him. 'So she is, and here is Heaslop's brother, and you his brother-in-law, and good-bye.' Shame turned into a rage that brought back his self-respect. 'What does it matter to me who you marry? Don't trouble me here at Mau is all I ask. I do not want you, I do not want one of you in my private life, with my dying breath I say it. Yes, yes, I made a foolish blunder; despise me and feel cold. I thought you married my enemy. I never read your letter. Mahmoud Ali deceived me. I thought you'd stolen my money, but' – he clapped his hands together, and his children gathered round him – 'it's as if you stole it. I forgive Mahmoud Ali all things, because he loved me.' Then pausing, while the rain exploded like pistols, he said, 'My heart is for my own people henceforward,' and turned away. Cyril followed him through the mud, apologizing, laughing a little, wanting to argue and reconstruct, pointing out with irrefragable logic that he had married, not Heaslop's betrothed, but Heaslop's sister. What difference did it make at this hour of the day? He had built his life on a mistake, but he had built it. Speaking in Urdu, that the children might understand, he said: 'Please do not follow us, whomever you marry. I wish no Englishman or Englishwoman to be my friend.'

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He returned to the house excited and happy. It had been an uneasy, uncanny moment when Mrs Moore's name was mentioned, stirring memories. 'Esmoor ...' – as though she was coming to help him. She had always been so good, and that youth whom he had scarcely looked at was her son, Ralph Moore, Stella and Ralph, whom he had promised to be kind to, and Stella had married Cyril.

Chapter 35

*Stories of Ourselves*

6 **Either** (a) 'These stories often deal with the problems facing civilisation.'

In the light of this comment, discuss ways in which **two** stories from your selection explore these problems.

**Or** (b) Comment closely on ways in which Naipaul creates a sense of terror in the following passage.

I spent a lot of my time trying to make up tricks. The only one I could do was to put two match-heads together, light them, and make them stick. But my father knew that. But at last I found a trick that I was sure my father didn't know. He never got to know about it because he died on the night I was to show it him.

It had been a day of great heat, and in the afternoon the sky had grown low and heavy and black. It felt almost chilly in the house, and my father was sitting wrapped up in the rocking chair. The rain began to fall drop by heavy drop, beating like a hundred fists on the roof. It grew dark and I lit the oil lamp, sticking a pin in the wick, to keep away bad spirits from the house.

My father suddenly stopped rocking and whispered, 'Boy, they here tonight. Listen. Listen.'

We were both silent and I listened carefully, but my ears could catch nothing but the wind and the rain.

A window banged itself open. The wind whooshed in with heavy raindrops.

'God!' my father screamed.

I went to the window. It was a pitch black night, and the world was a wild and lonely place, with only the wind and the rain on the leaves. I had to fight to pull the window in, and before I could close it, I saw the sky light up with a crack of lightning.

I shut the window and waited for the thunder.

It sounded like a steamroller on the roof.

My father said, 'Boy, don't frighten. Say what I tell you to say.'

I went and sat at the foot of the rocking chair and I began to say, 'Rama! Rama! Sita Rama!'

My father joined in. He was shivering with cold and fright.

Suddenly he shouted, 'Boy, they here. They here. I hear them talking under the house. They could do what they like in all this noise and nobody could hear them.'

I said, 'Don't fraid, I have this cutlass here, and you have your gun.'

But my father wasn't listening.

He said, 'But it dark, man. It so dark. It so dark.'

I got up and went to the table for the oil lamp to bring it nearer. But just then there was an explosion of thunder so low it might have been just above the roof. It rolled and rumbled for a long long time. Then another window blew open and the oil lamp was blown out. The wind and the rain tore into the dark room.

My father screamed out once more, 'Oh God, it dark.'

I was lost in the black world. I screamed until the thunder died away and the rain had become a drizzle. I forgot all about the trick I had prepared for my father: the soap I had rubbed into the palms of my hands until it had dried and disappeared.

The Enemy

**Turn to page 12 for Question 7**

## Section C: Drama

EDWARD ALBEE: *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

- 7 **Either** (a) What seems to you to be the significance of the title of the last act of the play: 'The Exorcism'?
- Or** (b) Comment closely on the dramatic methods of the following extract, showing how Albee creates the power of this moment in the play.

*Honey* [*puzzling to make sense out of what she is hearing*]: Let them go on.

*George*: We shall. And he had this baggage with him, and part of this baggage was in the form of his mouse. ...

*Nick*: We don't have to listen to this! 5

*Honey*: Why not?

*George*: Your bride has a point. And one of the things nobody could understand about Blondie was his baggage ... his mouse, I mean, here he was, pan-Kansas swimming champeen, or something, and he had this mouse, of whom he was solicitous to a point that faileth human understanding ... given that she was sort of a simp, in the long run. ... 10

*Nick*: This isn't fair of you. ...

*George*: Perhaps not. Like, as I said, his mouse, she tooted brandy immodestly and spent half of her time in the upchuck. ... 15

*Honey* [*focusing*]: I know these people. ...

*George*: Do you! ... But she was a money baggage amongst other things ... Godly money ripped from the golden teeth of the unfaithful, a pragmatic extension of the big dream ... and she was put up with. ... 20

*Honey* [*some terror*]: I don't like this story. ...

*Nick* [*surprisingly pleading*]: Please ... please don't.

*Martha*: Maybe you better stop, George. ... 25

*George*: ... and she was put up with. ... STOP? Ha-ha.

*Nick*: Please ... please don't.

*George*: Beg, baby.

*Martha*: George. ...

*George*: ... and ... oh, we get a flashback here, to How They Got Married. 30

*Nick*: NO!

*George* [*triumphant*]: YES!

*Nick* [*almost whining*]: Why?

*George*: How They Got Married. Well, how they got married is this. ... The Mouse got all puffed up one day, and she went over to Blondie's house, and she stuck out her puff, and she said ... look at me. 35

- Honey* [*white ... on her feet*]: I ... don't ... like this.
- Nick* [*to GEORGE*]: Stop it! 40
- George*: Look at me ... I'm all puffed up. Oh my goodness, said Blondie. ...
- Honey* [*as from a distance*]: ... and so they were married ...
- George*: ... and so they were married. ...
- Honey*: ... and then ... 45
- George*: ... and then ...
- Honey* [*hysteria*]: WHAT? ... and then, WHAT?
- Nick*: NO! No!
- George* [*as if to a baby*]: ... and then the puff went away ... like magic ... pouf! 50
- Nick* [*almost sick*]: Jesus God. ...
- Honey*: ... the puff went away. ...
- George* [*softly*]: ... pouf.
- Nick*: Honey ... I didn't mean to ... honestly, I didn't mean to ... 55
- Honey*: You ... you told them. ...
- Nick*: Honey ... I didn't mean to. ...
- Honey* [*with outlandish horror*]: You ... told them! You told them! OOOOHHHH! Oh, no, no, no, no! You couldn't have told them ... oh, noooo! 60
- Nick*: Honey, I didn't mean to. ...
- Honey* [*grabbing at her belly*]: Ohhhhh ... nooooo.
- Nick*: Honey ... baby ... I'm sorry ... I didn't mean to. ...
- George* [*abruptly and with some disgust*]: And that's how you play Get the Guests. 65

Act 2

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: *Richard III*

- 8 **Either** (a) Discuss Shakespeare's presentation of Buckingham, and comment on his significance to the play.
- Or** (b) Discuss the following passage in detail, commenting on ways in which Shakespeare presents the relationship between Richard and the young princes.

<i>Gloucester:</i>	How fares our cousin, noble Lord of York?	
<i>York:</i>	I thank you, gentle uncle. O, my lord. You said that idle weeds are fast in growth. The Prince my brother hath outgrown me far.	
<i>Gloucester:</i>	He hath, my lord.	5
<i>York:</i>	And therefore is he idle?	
<i>Gloucester:</i>	O, my fair cousin, I must not say so.	
<i>York:</i>	Then he is more beholding to you than I.	
<i>Gloucester:</i>	He may command me as my sovereign; But you have power in me as in a kinsman.	10
<i>York:</i>	I pray you, uncle, give me this dagger.	
<i>Gloucester:</i>	My dagger, little cousin? With all my heart!	
<i>Prince:</i>	A beggar, brother?	
<i>York:</i>	Of my kind uncle, that I know will give, And being but a toy, which is no grief to give.	15
<i>Gloucester:</i>	A greater gift than that I'll give my cousin.	
<i>York:</i>	A greater gift! O, that's the sword to it!	
<i>Gloucester:</i>	Ay, gentle cousin, were it light enough.	
<i>York:</i>	O, then, I see you will part but with light gifts: In weightier things you'll say a beggar nay.	20
<i>Gloucester:</i>	It is too heavy for your Grace to wear.	
<i>York:</i>	I weigh it lightly, were it heavier.	
<i>Gloucester:</i>	What, would you have my weapon, little lord?	
<i>York:</i>	I would, that I might thank you as you call me.	
<i>Gloucester:</i>	How?	25
<i>York:</i>	Little.	
<i>Prince:</i>	My Lord of York will still be cross in talk. Uncle, your Grace knows how to bear with him.	
<i>York:</i>	You mean, to bear me, not to bear with me. Uncle, my brother mocks both you and me; Because that I am little, like an ape, He thinks that you should bear me on your shoulders.	30
<i>Buckingham:</i>	With what a sharp-provided wit he reasons! To mitigate the scorn he gives his uncle He prettily and aptly taunts himself. So cunning and so young is wonderful.	35
<i>Gloucester:</i>	My lord, will't please you pass along? Myself and my good cousin Buckingham Will to your mother, to entreat of her To meet you at the Tower and welcome you.	40

*York:* What, will you go unto the Tower, my lord?  
*Prince:* My Lord Protector needs will have it so.  
*York:* I shall not sleep in quiet at the Tower.  
*Gloucester:* Why, what should you fear? 45  
*York:* Marry, my uncle Clarence' angry ghost.  
My grandam told me he was murder'd there.  
*Prince:* I fear no uncles dead.  
*Gloucester:* Nor none that live, I hope.  
*Prince:* An if they live, I hope I need not fear. 50  
But come, my lord; with a heavy heart,  
Thinking on them, go I unto the Tower.

*[A sennet. Exeunt all but Gloucester, Buckingham,  
and Catesby.]*

Act 3 Scene 1

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS: *A Streetcar Named Desire*

- 9 **Either** (a) 'MITCH: You done this, all o' your God damn interfering with things you – '
- Where do you think the play lays the blame for Blanche's final fate?
- Or** (b) Comment closely on Williams's presentation of Blanche in the following passage, considering the impression she might make on an audience at this point in the play.

*Blanche:* Well, Stella – you're going to reproach me, I know

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*Stella [springing]:* Blanche! You be still! That's enough! [*She starts out.*]

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Scene 1





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