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**ST FRANCIS SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**SLIEMA**



**HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATIONS SPECIMEN PAPER**

**ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**FORM 1**

**TIME 1 hour 30 min.**

**FOR EXAMINER'S USE ONLY.**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DRAMA</b>	<b>POETRY</b>	<b>PROSE</b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b>MARK</b>				
<b>MAX. MARK</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>90</b>

**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.**

**USE FULL ANSWERS WHERE NECESSARY.**

**YOU ARE REMINDED TO USE CORRECT SPELLING, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION AND TO PRESENT YOUR WORK NEATLY.**

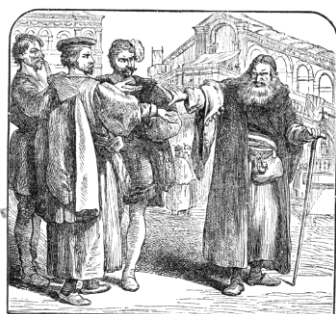
SECTION A – DRAMA – 30 marks



‘THE MERCHANT OF VENICE’

1. FILL IN THE FOLLOWING BLANKS BY PUTTING ONE WORD IN EACH SPACE. (1/2 mark each = 15 marks)

1. The play ‘The Merchant of Venice’ is written by William \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The writer of the play was born in \_\_\_\_\_ -Upon- \_\_\_\_\_ in England in \_\_\_\_\_. He died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The play is about Antonio, who is a rich \_\_\_\_\_ who lives in \_\_\_\_\_.



He has a dear friend called \_\_\_\_\_ who needs a loan from him in order to marry \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Together, they go to \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, who makes Antonio sign an \_\_\_\_\_ which says that if he does not repay \_\_\_\_\_ thousand \_\_\_\_\_ within three \_\_\_\_\_, Antonio has to give a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ instead.

5. Portia’s father devises a \_\_\_\_\_ so that she will marry the \_\_\_\_\_ man. He comes up with the idea of the three boxes made of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Inside one of these boxes there is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the lady whilst in the others, there is a picture of a \_\_\_\_\_ and a note which says that all that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

6. In the end, Antonio’s life is saved because Portia argues that though Shylock can take \_\_\_\_\_ from Antonio’s body, he must not \_\_\_\_\_ any blood.



**2. WHO SAID THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND TO WHOM? (5 marks)**

a. "Then you must help him! I will give you the money to pay Shylock. Don't let your friend suffer because of you!"

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

b. "Don't worry. I love you and I know I am the right man to marry you."

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

c. "I am in love with Lorenzo! I am going to marry him and leave Venice."

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

d. "I want to take his heart!"

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

e. "What fools we are! We didn't even know our own wives!"

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**3. WRITE A PARAGRAPH ABOUT 2 OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS**

**(5 marks each=10 marks)**

a. PORTIA

b. ANTONIO

c. SHYLOCK

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**3. FILL IN THE TABLE WITH THE CORRECT INFORMATION.**

**(1mark each=3marks)**

<b>NAME OF POEM</b>	<b>POET</b>
<b>'Confession'</b>	
	<b>William Shakespeare</b>
<b>'Winter'</b>	

**4. READ THE POEM AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW IT.**

**(10 marks)**

**The Aliens Have Landed!**

**by Kenn Nesbitt**

The aliens have landed!  
It's distressing, but they're here.  
They piloted their flying saucer  
through our atmosphere.  
They landed like a meteor  
engulfed in smoke and flame.  
Then out they climbed immersed in slime  
and **burbled** as they came.



Their hands are greasy tentacles.  
Their heads are weird machines.  
Their bodies look like cauliflower  
and smell like dead sardines.  
Their blood is liquid helium.  
Their eyes are made of granite.  
Their breath **\*exudes** the stench of foods  
from some unearthly planet.

And if you want to see these  
sickly, unattractive creatures,  
you'll find them working in your school;  
they all got jobs as teachers.

\*exudes – gives out

1. Give 2 sets of rhyming words from the poem. (1 mark)

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2. Find 1 simile from the poem. Quote it and explain what is being compared. (2 marks)

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3. What figure of speech is the word 'burbled'? (1 mark)

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4. Find 2 adjectives that describe the aliens' appearance. (1 mark)

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5. What do you think is the poet trying to say when he says: (2 marks)

**'Their breath exudes the stench of foods  
from some unearthly planet.'**

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6. Give your reasons why you enjoyed/ did not enjoy the poem. (3 marks)

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SECTION C – PROSE – 30 marks



ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

**1. FILL IN. (½ mark each= 10 marks)**

- a. The girl in our story- \_\_\_\_\_. She is \_\_\_\_\_ (use words) years old.
- b. The girl's surname- \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Her brother is called- \_\_\_\_\_. He is \_\_\_\_\_ (use words) years old.
- d. The girl's uncle- \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. The rat in our story- \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. The spider- \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. The author of our story- \_\_\_\_\_. He was born in \_\_\_\_\_ and died in \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. She tells Wilbur that he is going to be killed- \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. The spider \_\_\_\_\_ the insects' blood.
- j. Pigs mean less than nothing to her- \_\_\_\_\_.
- k. She is waiting for her eggs to hatch- \_\_\_\_\_.
- l. The pig is called- \_\_\_\_\_.
- m. She promises to save the pig- \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. The hired man who helps on the farm- \_\_\_\_\_.





**2. WHO SAID THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND TO WHOM? (5 marks)**

a. 'I'm really too young to go out into the world alone.'

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

b. 'Oh, look at him! He's absolutely perfect.'

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

c. 'If I had been very small at birth, would you have killed me?'

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

d. 'Salutations!'

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

e. 'They're fattening you up because they're going to kill you, that's why!'

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**3. CHOOSE 3 CHARACTERS FROM THE CHAPTERS WE HAVE READ SO FAR  
AND WRITE A SHORT PARAGRAPH ABOUT EACH ONE OF THEM.**

**(5 marks each= 15 marks)**

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