

PORTION FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE – YEAR 4
FIRST TERM EXAM -JAN 2021

The exam paper comprises of the three following sections:

SECTION A: Christophe’s Story **25 MARKS**

SECTION B: The Iron Man (Chapters 1 and 2) 10 MARKS

SECTION C: Poetry **15 MARKS**

Sections A & B will assess the students’ knowledge, understanding and their responses to the two novels. The questions will focus on:

1. Characters:

- Thoughts and feelings of characters
- Character development
- Characters’ actions/ reactions to events and situations
- Students’ opinions about characters

2. Themes:

- Theme of war: effects of war on children; family relationship, etc.
- Theme of education
- Theme of bullying
- Theme of decision making

3. Sequencing of important events and situations

4. Matching events, characters, situations, themes, dialogues

5. Importance of the opening of the novels

6. Importance of the ending of the novel- Christophe’s Story

7. Importance/implications of the titles of the novels

8. Writer’s point-of-view/s

9. Students response to the story titles, plot development, events, situations and settings in the story

Questions on section C will be set on one or two unseen poems. They will focus on:

1. Ideas and themes expressed in the poems
2. Identifying the narrator of the poem
3. Understanding the relevance/suitability of the title of the poem
4. Identification and explanation of poetic features with evidence:
 - Simile
 - Metaphor
 - Onomatopoeia
 - Personification
 - Alliteration
 - Repetition
 - Rhyme
5. Understanding and commenting on meaning of the figurative language.
6. Students' personal response and preferences with evidence and explanation
7. Explanation of form and structure of the poems
8. Explanation of poets' use of language to create images, descriptive and narrative effects

Preparation for the examination

- Enjoy reading the Literature texts. It is a reflection of life.
- Reading novels/poems strengthens your critical thinking, builds vocabulary, improves the quality of your answers.
- Must re-read the novels, at least three times, carefully and critically with close reference to the focus of questions stated in the Portion.
- Read the collection of poems with close reference to the focus of questions stated in the Portion. Write your thoughts, feelings, your likes and dislikes with evidence from the poems. Discuss your reasons and views with examples from the novels and poems

Marks will be given for accurate use of grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Revise all the work completed in your notebooks, Google Classroom and Zoom sessions.

