

**Section A - Merchant of Venice**

**Q.1. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow: (10 – marks)**

“O hell! What have we here?

A carrion Death, within whose empty eye

There is a written whose scroll! I'll read the writing.”

- a) Who is the speaker? What is his purpose of being where he is now? Why does he say the above lines? (3)
- b) Describe the considerations he strongly held to, in his mind, which made him sad at the end of this scene? (3)
- c) Describe what was written on the scroll? (4)

**Section B – Poetry**

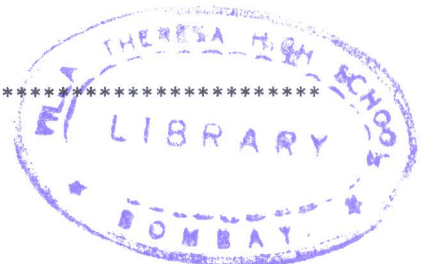
**Q.2. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow: (10 – marks)**

‘But love me for love’s sake, that evermore

Thou mayst love on, through love’s eternity.’

- a) From which poem is the above extract taken? Name the poetess. In what form has the poem been written? (3)
- b) What are the possible changes that take place with the passing phase in life? Explain ‘through love’s eternity.’ (3)
- c) How does the poetess express her desire of being loved? Why? What is the theme of the poem? (4)

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**Question 1: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:[10marks]**

*If thou must love me, let it be for naught*

*Except for love's sake only.*

- i. Who is this 'thou'? Explain 'let it be for naught'. [2]
- ii. Explain '...certes brought a sense of pleasant ease on such a day'. Why does the poet say so? [2]
- iii. What does the speaker mean by saying 'A creature might forget to weep'? To whom is the speaker referring as a creature? [3]
- iv. Why does the poet want to be loved in a unique way? [3]

**Question 2: Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:[10 marks]**

*Your answer had not been inscroll'd:*

*Fare you well; your suit is cold.*

- i. To whom is this 'Your' being referred in the above extract? By whom? How?[2]
- ii. What was the person's answer? What was the suit? [2]
- iii. Why was the lead casket rejected by the Prince of Morocco? [3]
- iv. What is your impression of the Prince of Morocco? [3]



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