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English

Paper 3 (Creative composition and essays based on set texts)

Question 1: Imaginative Composition

Either:

- a) Write a composition to illustrate the proverb, “All is well that ends well.”
 - Should be a story
 - Expect a happy/pleasant ending
 - Should contain a moral lesson

Or

- b) Write a composition describing a prize-giving day that was recently held in your school.

Question 2: The compulsory set text

A Doll's House, Henrik Ibsen

“Too much preoccupation with one’s own interest can easily lead to self-destruction.” Write an essay to validate this statement using illustrations from Henrik Ibsen’s *A Doll's House*.

Introduction (2mks)

In Henrik Ibsen’s *A Doll's House*, characters who are self-centered and do things for personal gain end up hurting themselves.

Body 3:3:3:3= 12 marks

Torvald in his quest to guard his reputation lacks consideration for Nora. Despite Nora’s sacrifice by borrowing money from Krogstad after forging her father’s signature he sees her as one who is out to destroy his status by calling her a liar, hypocrite and unfit to be a mother to his children. Nora after learning this decides to walk out of the marriage.

Torvald is reluctant to retain Krogstad in his job since he believes that other people will think that his wife who influenced his decisions to do so. He wants to come out as someone

who is independent in thought. Krogstad in a desperate attempt to retain his position at the bank exposes Nora's forgery which in turn hurts the husband

Krogstad's attempt to retain his position at the bank ends up hurting him. He blackmails Nora and tells her to influence the husband's decision and when Nora is not able to do so he ends up losing his job as he is dismissed by Torvald.

Dr Rank frequently visits the Torvalds since he is interested in winning Nora's heart. And when she comes to know of his intentions she rejects him. (pg 97-98)

Torvald dismisses Krogstad from the bank for a rather petty reason. Krogstad is struggling to keep his job at the bank, in order to take care of his sons and to redeem and clear his name. Eventually, Krogstad sends the damning letter about Nora's secrets to Torvald making him angry, insolent and openly inconsiderate. Nora decides to leave him and their marriage breaks.

Conclusion (2 marks)

In conclusion, being selfish may cause pain to us. This insensitivity always goes unrewarded, surely.

Language 4 marks

Question 3: The optional set texts

Either

a) The short story

Wanjala Chris (Ed): *Memories we Lost and other stories*

Even in the midst of gloom and despair, one can find inspiration that keeps them going. Using illustrations from Siddhartha Gigoo's 'The Umbrella Man', write an essay to justify this assertion.

Marking points

- **The inspiration of the umbrella-** it was the most beautiful thing in the asylum, it brought a smile on his lips (pg 48) and gave him the hope for the rain (pg 46)

- **The conversations with the imaginary child-** he would comfort the child, pray for grace upon the child. This talk helps him express his thoughts. Pg 48
- **Interactions with the barber-** he narrated humorous anecdotes to the inmates (pg 48) and engages Number 7 in a conversation.
- **Interactions with the puny little fellow-** the friendly chats (pg 49) keep him going
- **The doctors-** grant him permission to saunter out of the gates due to his obedience and calm disposition pg (46) and the good news about his freedom (pg 50) provide hope to him.
- **The doctors also find inspiration in treating Number 7-** It is encouraging to see the progress Number 7 makes and this makes the doctors give him freedom to go out of the asylum gate after many months of treating him (pg 46) as well as the good news of his ultimate freedom (pg 50). Their efforts have yielded fruit....

Or

b) The novel

John Steinbeck, *The Pearl*

Good fortune does not necessarily guarantee happiness. Validate the truthfulness of this statement drawing illustrations from *The Pearl*.

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