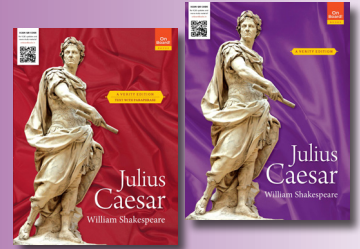


Julius Caesar

William Shakespeare



SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 3 (For Class 10 – Act 3)

SECTION A

(Attempts all questions from this Section)

Question 1

Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate response from the choices given below (Please do not copy the question - simply write out in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase.) [1 × 6 = 6]

- (i) Why does Caesar ignore Artemidorus' suit?
- (a) Artemidorus was generally perceived as a liar.
 - (b) Caesar was determined to reject all suits.
 - (c) Caesar was disinclined to listen to suits that concerned his own well-being.
 - (d) Caesar was suspicious of Artemidorus' intentions.
- (ii) When Caesar rejects Metellus Cimber's suit, which character steps in to request Caesar again?
- (a) Decius Brutus
 - (b) Casca
 - (c) Marcus Brutus
 - (d) Cassius
- (iii) What does Antony do to convince the conspirators that he did not wish them ill?
- (a) He offers to help them reign Rome.
 - (b) He shakes their hands.
 - (c) He brings them tributes.
 - (d) Antony takes an oath.
- (iv) What does Antony decide to do at the pulpit before asking Octavius to return to Rome?
- (a) Condemn Caesar
 - (b) Assert his right to rule Rome
 - (c) Kill Brutus and Cassius
 - (d) Gauge the public's reaction to his speech

- (v) What do the commoners do in reaction to Mark Antony's speech?
- (a) They throw objects at Antony
 - (b) They carry Antony across the borders of Rome
 - (c) They decide to burnt the houses of the conspirators
 - (d) They decide to garland the conspirators
- (vi) "First Citizen: What is your name?
Second Citizen: Whither are you going?
Third Citizen: Where do you dwell?
Fourth Citizen: Are you a married man or a bachelor?"
- Who is being questioned by the commoners here?
- (a) Cinna the conspirator
 - (b) Casca the conspirator
 - (c) Casca the Writer
 - (d) Cinna the Poet

SECTION B

Question 2

Read the following extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Antony: ...

Upon this hope, that you shall give me reasons
Why and wherein Caesar was dangerous.

Brutus: Or else were this a savage spectacle:
Our reasons are so full of good regard
That were you, Antony, the son of Caesar,
You should be satisfied.

Antony: That's all I seek:
And am moreover suitor that I may
Produce his body to the market-place;
And in the pulpit, as becomes a friend,
Speak in the order of his funeral.

Brutus: You shall, Mark Antony.

- (i) What are the reasons Brutus refers to in the given extract? 3
- (ii) Describe and discuss Mark Antony's initial reaction on first seeing Caesar's body? 3
- (iii) Why does Cassius try to prevent Antony from speaking at the pulpit? What conditions does Brutus instate regarding Antony's speech at the funeral? 3
- (iv) Discuss the way in which Antony tries to gain the conspirators' trust. 3
- (v) Discuss Mark Antony's support for the conspirators. Use adequate examples to support your answer. 4

Question 3

Read the following extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

“Here comes his body, mourned by Mark Antony: who, though he had no hand in his death, shall receive the benefit of his dying, a place in the commonwealth; as which of you shall not? With this I depart, – that, as I slew my best lover for the good of Rome, I have the same dagger for myself, when it shall please my country to need my death.”

- (i) Who says these words and to whom? Where is this speech delivered and why? 3
- (ii) Discuss the differences in the style of oration between the speaker and Antony. 3
- (iii) How does Antony prove that Caesar was not ambitious? 3
- (iv) What were the conditions of Caesar's will? 3
- (v) Discuss Mark Antony's reconstruction of Caesar's assassination. 4