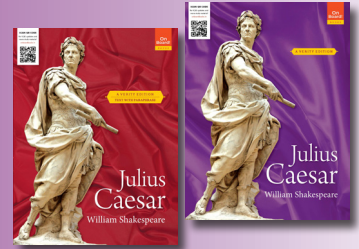


Julius Caesar

William Shakespeare



SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 5 (For Class 10 – Act 5)

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) “But for your words, they rob the Hybla bees,
And leave them honeyless.”
Which character is being criticised in these lines?
- (a) Brutus (b) Cassius
(c) Octavius (d) Antony
- (ii) Which of the following phrases is used by the conspirators to describe Octavius?
- (a) “A peevish schoolboy” (b) “a masker and a reveller”
(c) “fawn’d like hounds” (d) “Flatterers!”
- (iii) Which omen makes Cassius change his mind about his Epicurean philosophy?
- (a) The ghost of Caesar at Sardis
(b) Lioness giving birth to cubs on the streets of Rome
(c) Scavenger birds replacing the eagles on the battle ensign
(d) A floating dagger
- (iv) Who advises Cassius to abandon his tent when it appears that Antony was about to lay siege?
- (a) Pindarus (b) Titinius
(c) Cato (d) Messala

- (v) Whom had Cassius taken prisoner in Parthia?
 (a) Pindarus (b) Titinius
 (c) Flavius (d) Lucilius
- (vi) Where had Brutus seen the ghost of Caesar?
 (a) Rome and Egypt (b) Rome and Sardis
 (c) Rome and Philippi (d) Sardis and Philippi

SECTION B

Question 2

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

Brutus: They stand, and would have parley.

Cassius: Stand fast, Titinius: we must out and talk.

Octavius: Mark Antony, shall we give sign of battle?

Antony: No, Caesar, we will answer on their charge.
 Make forth; the generals would have some words.

Octavius: Stir not until the signal.

Brutus: Words before blows: is it so, countrymen?"

- (i) Discuss the disagreements between Antony and Octavius that come to the fore before the conversation quoted above. 3
- (ii) What does Cassius confess to Messala about his fears regarding the battle? What does it reveal about Cassius? 3
- (iii) What does Brutus tell Cassius he would do if the battle did not go in their favour? What do his statements reveal about him? 3
- (iv) Compare and contrast the attitudes of the two groups before the battle of Philippi. 3
- (v) Discuss the confrontation between the generals that takes place before the battle of Philippi. 4

Question 3

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

Brutus: Farewell to you; and you; and you, Volumnius.
 Strato, thou hast been all this while asleep;
 Farewell to thee too, Strato. Countrymen,
 My heart doth joy that yet in all my life
 I found no man but he was true to me.

I shall have glory by this losing day
More than Octavius and Mark Antony
By this vile conquest shall attain unto.”

- (i) Discuss the manner in which Brutus instructs his supporters to help him kill himself. 3
- (ii) Discuss Brutus’ state of mind at the time of his death. 3
- (iii) Discuss how Antony and Octavius respond to Brutus’ death. 3
- (iv) How does Strato assist Brutus in his attempt to kill himself? How does Strato react to his death? 3
- (v) “I shall have glory by this losing day/ More than Octavius and Mark Antony/ By this vile conquest shall attain unto.” What does Brutus mean when he says these lines? What do we learn about the idea of honour from what emerges in final scene of Julius Caesar? 4