



NAME:	MT- 2 [2023-2024]	Max Marks - 20
GRADE - XI	ENGLISH	TIME - 50 minutes
SECTION:	(Language and Literature)	DATE: 08 Nov 2023

QNo	Questions	Marks
A	<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION A</p> <p>Read the below passage and answer any eight questions.</p> <p>In the annals of literature, few works have been as enigmatic and enduring as James Joyce's "Ulysses." This 1922 novel, often hailed as a masterpiece, is celebrated for its complex narrative structure, rich symbolism, and its ability to capture the minutiae of everyday life. But with its labyrinthine prose and intricate narrative, "Ulysses" remains an intimidating and puzzling book for many.</p> <p>Set in a single day, June 16, 1904, in Dublin, Ireland, "Ulysses" follows the meandering paths of its two main characters, Leopold Bloom and Stephen Dedalus. The novel is a modern reimagining of Homer's "Odyssey," with each chapter corresponding to an episode from the original epic. While the overarching plot is relatively simple – Bloom's journey through the city – the narrative is anything but.</p> <p>Joyce employs a plethora of narrative techniques throughout the novel, from stream-of-consciousness writing to intricate wordplay. This results in a text that is often dense and challenging. The book's 265,000 words are a tapestry of allusions, puns, and references, requiring readers to navigate a maze of language and intertextual connections.</p> <p>"Ulysses" delves into the complexities of human consciousness and experience, making readers question the nature of reality and the role of the individual in the world. It explores themes of identity, nationality, religion, and the search for meaning. Joyce's language is both playful and profound, demanding readers' attention and intellect.</p> <p>As a result, "Ulysses" has garnered a reputation for being one of the</p>	8 marks

7.	What makes "Ulysses" a wellspring of literary scholarship? a) Its simple and linear narrative b) Its lack of complexity c) Its limited use of language d) Its complex structure and interpretive possibilities	
8.	What does the passage imply about the conventional narrative expectations of "Ulysses"? a) It adheres to traditional storytelling conventions. b) It challenges conventional narrative expectations. c) It is a straightforward and predictable narrative. d) It follows a linear timeline without ambiguity.	
9.	What does "Ulysses" invite readers to reconsider, according to the passage? a) Their choice of reading material b) Their relationship with language, perceptions of reality, and the boundaries of human knowledge c) Their favorite hobbies d) Their daily routines and habits	
10.	Why is Ulysses considered as a strenuous work to apprehend ?	
B	SECTION B	5 marks
11.	You are Prem/Parul of 16, TT Nagar, Bhopal. You would like to apply for the post of Marketing Manager in a reputed firm in Mumbai. Write a letter to the Public Relations Officer, Chantac Enterprises, Mumbai, applying for the job. Write the letter in 150-200 words giving your biodata.	
12.	SECTION C Read the given stanza and answer the following questions. <i>When did my childhood go? Was it the time I realised that adults were not all they seemed to be, They talked of love and preached of love, But did not act so lovingly, Was that the day!</i> (a) Who wrote the poem 'Childhood' ? (b) Do you believe the poet harbors resentment towards adults from their childhood? If so, what leads you to this belief, and can you provide evidence to support it?"	2 marks
13	Answer the following in 120-150 words. What role does honesty play in 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'? How do the characters in the story demonstrate or struggle with honesty?	5 marks



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	ANSWER KEY	

Q.No	Value points	Marks
1	Answer any eight. c) June 16, 1904, Dublin	1
2	b) "The Odyssey"	1
3	c) It employs various narrative techniques and wordplay.	1
4	b) Identity, nationality, religion, and the search for meaning	1
5	c) A book everyone wants to have read	1
6	b) It offers new insights with each reading.	1
7	d) Its complex structure and interpretive possibilities	1
8	b) It challenges conventional narrative expectations.	1
9	b) Their relationship with language, perceptions of reality, and the	1

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	boundaries of human knowledge	
10	The difficulty of "Ulysses" lies not only in its language but also in the way it challenges conventional narrative expectations.	1
11	Mark on the basis of the format and the quality of the language used	5
12	Subjective answer	2
13	Subjective answer	5