



Or

My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun;

Coral is far more red than her lips' red;

If snow be white, then her breasts her dun;

If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head.

(i) Name the poem and the poet. 2

(ii) What do you feel about the kind of similes that were used to describe a lady's beauty during the poet's time ? 3

(iii) Why does the poet emphasize that his beloved is different from others ? Does he want to insult her ? 5

2. Antonio's Bond 10

Or

I am sorry thou wilt leave my father so

Our house is hell; and thou, a merry devil,

Dids't rob it of some taste of tediousness.

But fare thee well; there is a ducat for thee.

(i) Identify the speaker and the context. 2

(ii) Who is referred to as a "merry devil" and why ? 3

(iii) Explain the phrase, "our house is hell." 5

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## Section B

Attempt all questions. Each question carries 15 marks :

1. Is God a gentle father figure or a strict one imposing discipline on man ? Discuss with reference to Milton's 'Sonnet XVI : On His Blindness'. 15

Or

Compare and contrast the ladies addressed in sonnets by Wyatt and Spenser.

2. Discuss the various tests conducted by various characters in *The Merchant of Venice*. 15

Or

Critically comment upon the conflict between justice and mercy in the trial scene in *The Merchant of Venice*.

3. Discuss *Oliver Twist* as a nineteenth-century novel of industrialization. 15

Or

Comment on the role of the multiple substitute parents in *Oliver Twist*.