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ENGLISH

(COMPREHENSION, LITERARY APPRECIATION AND GAMMAR)

PAPER 2

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TIME: 2 ½ HOURS

1. Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

I am invited periodically to dinner parties – and I go, because I like to be with people and oblige them, even if I secretly can't share their optimism about these events. I go, not believing that I will have fun, but with intent of observing people who think a dinner party a good time. I eat their fancy food, drink the wine, make my share of entertaining conversations and often leave having had a pleasant evening, which does not prevent me from anticipating the next invitation with the same bleak lack of hope. To put it in a nutshell, I am an ingrate.

Although I have traveled a long way from my working class origins and talk, dress, act and spend money like a perfect little bourgeois, I hold on to my poor-boy's outrage at the 'decadence' (dull entertainment style), of the middle and upper-middle classes. Like a socialist watching a capitalist movie, I am appalled, but I dig in with the rest.

Perhaps my uneasiness with dinner parties comes from the simple fact that not a single dinner party was given by my poor parents the whole time I was growing up, and I had to wait until my late twenties before learning the ritual.

A spy in the enemy camp, I have made myself a patient observer of strange customs. For the benefits of other late-starting social climbers, this is what I have observed. As everyone should know, the ritual of the dinner parties contain at least a few guests who have been unknown to each other before that evening, but who the host and/or hostess revision would enjoy meeting. These novel pairings and their interactions add spice to the postmortem; who got along with whom?

The lack of prior acquaintances also ensures that the guest will have to rely on and only go through the people known to everyone, the host and hostess. The hosts absorption of this professional identity, each of the gusts has been pre-selected; and in certain developed forms of this ritual there is usually a cunning mix of professions. Yet the point is finally not so much on diversity as commodity; what remarkably shared attitudes and interest. These people from different vocations demonstrate by conversing intelligently or at least glibly, on the topics that arise! The psychiatrist laments the new breed of egoless patients who keep turning up in his office; the college professor bemoans the shoddy intellectual backgrounds and self-centered ignorance of his student; and the bookseller parodies the customer who mispronounces title of books.

The dinner party is thus an exercise in locating ignorance- elsewhere, Whoever is present is part of that beleaguered remnant of civilized folk fast disappearing from the earth.

- (a) Why does the author go to dinner parties? (2 marks)
 - (b) Explain why the author is uneasy with the dinner parties?(4 marks)
 - (c) What does the author regard as the importance of introductions between strangers? (3 marks)
 - (d) Describe with illustrations the tone of this passage. (4 marks)
 - (e) Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. (5 marks)
2. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

Peter Stockmann: My hat and stick, if you please (Dr. takes off the hat and lays it on the table with stick). Your authority as the Mayor was short-lived. (The mayor takes them up).

Dr. Stockmann: We have not yet got to the end (TO HOVSTAD). Then you are not going to print my article in the people's messenger?

Hovstad: Quite impossible- if only for the sake of your family.

Mrs. Stockmann; You need not concern yourself with his family, thank you

Mr. Hovstad.

Peter Stockmann: (Taking an envelope from this pocket). This information will be sufficient for the guidance of the public, if it appears. It is an official statement. May I trouble you?

Hovstad: (taking an envelope from his pocket). This information will be sufficient for the guidance of the public, if it appears. It is an official statement. May I trouble you?

Hovstad: (taking the paper): certainly; I will see that it is printed.

Dr. Stockmann: But not mine. Do you imagine that you can silence me and stifle the truth! You will not find it as easy as you suppose.

Mr. Askasen kindly take my manuscript and once and print it as a pamphlet-at my expense. I will have three thousand copies- no, four or five thousand.

Askaksen: If you offered me its weight in gold I could not lend my press for any such purpose, doctor. It would be flying in the face of the public opinion. You won't get it printed anywhere in the town.

Doctor Stockmann; then give it back to me.

Hovstad: (Giving it). Here it is.

Dr. Stockmann: Taking his hat and stick). It will be made public all the same. I will read it out at a public meeting that I shall call .

All my fellow citizens will hear the truth!

Peter Stockmann: No public body in the town will allow you to use their hall for such a purpose.

Askaksen: Not a single one, I am certain.

Questions.

- (a) Why is the mayor requesting for his hat and stick? (2 marks)
- (b) Is Hovstad's response that he will not print the article for the sake of Doctor's family genuine/ Why? (2 marks)
- (c) Which information is Peter referring to when he says "This information will be sufficient...? What is the importance of this information? (4 marks)
- (d) Identify and explain two traits of Dr. Stockmann as portrayed in the excerpt. (4 marks)
- (e) I will read it out in the meeting. Write in the passive. (2 marks)
- (f) Explain the meaning of the statement- "It must be flying in the face of public opinion" (2 marks)
- (g) What happens after the excerpt? (2 marks)

FRIENDS AND FIENDS

3. Read the poem and answer the questions.

Humans gasp when they meet
 They wonder, they shudder and ponder.
 They hug and weep.
 And reckon with other's absence.
 As they reminisce where it happened.
 Was it the old school camaraderie?
 Or the vacation of carousal/
 Wasn't it the dine and wine of yesterday- evening
 That ended a minute too early.
 And abducted their pleasure.

But others encounter and try to pass.
 Failing they frown and mumble a curse.
 Greeted they grunt and pout.
 And turning they spit.
 Bidding the other good- riddance.
 Pleased they eased with the pressure.

Which good people meet and tug.
 Or bad people meet and gug.
 For friends triumph with bliss.
 That mountains never kiss.
 While friends grimance.
 As if the other's face pierces theirs.

Questions

- (a) How does each stanza in this poem relate with the title of the poem? (6 marks)
- (b) Explain the meaning of the following lines. (4 marks)
- (i) and reckon with other's absence
As they reminisce where it happened.
- (ii) For friends triumph with bliss..
While fiends frimance.
- (c) Identify and explain the significance of any three sound systems.(6 marks)
- (d) What is your attitude towards the:-
- (i) Friends (2 marks)
- (ii) Fiends (2 marks)

4. GRAMMAR

- (a) Re-write as per instructions.
- (i) The politician was warned of the danger. He escaped in time. (Re-wite as one sentence beginning: Having...)
- (ii) Lion was proud of his strength. He despised the size of the hare. (re-write as one sentence, beginning. Lion...)
- (iii) The marks that were left by the whip were still visible. (Re-write without that).
- (b) Change the following into passive.
- (i) Shakespeare wrote. The Merchant of Venice.
- (ii) Harambee Starts beat Arsenal 4-0
- (iii) The visitor chose the smaller room.
- (c) Complete the sentences with a present participle used as an adjective.
- (i) The _____ team was given a cup.
- (ii) The lion made a _____ a noise
- (iv) I like John. He knows many_____ stories.
- (d) Correct the errors in the sentences below. (3 marks)
- (i) The news are very good.
- (ii) Mathematic is my best subject
- (iv) politics is a dirty game.
- (e) Replace the underlined moral word with a similar meaning. (3 marks)
- (i) This is considered to be a harmful drug.
- (ii) Our principal can't bear such indiscipline.
- (iii) English learners are given elementary exercise to begin with.