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 Assignment for Vacation -2020
 English

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Grade 12

Three hours

Additional Reading Time – 10 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS :

- ❖ Answer all the questions in **Part A** and **Part B**.
- ❖ Write the number and letter of each question clearly.

PART A-English Literature

1. Comment briefly on the following extract, explaining its significance to the **poem** from which it is taken. (8 Marks)

In me thou seest the glowing of such fire,
 That on the ashes of his youth doth lie,
 As the death-bed, whereon it must expire,
 Consumed with that which it was nourished by,
 This thou perceiv'st, which makes thy love more strong,
 To love that well, which thou must leave ere long.

2. Comment briefly on one of the following passages, explaining its significance to the play from which it is taken. (8 Marks)

I haven't enjoyed one bite of this dinner because of your constant directions on how to eat it. It's you that make me rush through meals with your hawk like attention to every bite I take. Sickening-spoils my appetite-all this discussion of-animals' secretion-salivary glands-mastication!

3. Nectar In A Sieve by Kamala Markandaya is a novel that portrays the challenges faced by an Indian woman in the midst of social and cultural transition. Discuss. (17 Marks)
4. What insights do the short stories you have studied offer you about the difficulties faced by women in their particular socio- cultural contexts. Refer at least three stories. (17 Marks)

PART B – English Language

1. Write a composition on **ONE** of the following topics, paying attention to relevant facts and supporting evidence, organization, coherent argument, accurate language and expression. (30 Marks)
 - a) The global health crisis.
 - b) Sri Lanka should take drastic steps to reduce the use of plastics and polythene.
 - c) In spite of social media, people are more isolated than ever.
 - d) Write a story that illustrate the phrase “Prevention is better than cure.”
 - e) Write a review on an English film based on a historical event.
 - f) Write a report on forest conservation in Sri Lanka.

2. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below it, using your own words as far as possible. (20 Marks)

I had a dove, and the sweet dove died
 And I have thought it died of grieving,
 O what would it grieve for? Its feet were tied
 With a silken thread of my own hands weaving:
 Sweet little red feet! Why would you die?
 Why would you leave me, sweet bird why!
 You lived alone on the forest tree,
 Why pretty thing, could you not live with me
 I kissed you often, and gave you white peas;
 Why not live sweetly as in the green trees?

1. What has happened to the dove owned by the poet?
 What is symbolized by the dove.

2. What is the tone of the poet?
 Why do you think that he is having such a tone?

3. What is implied by the term “It’s feet were tied with a silken thread”

4. Why do you think that the dove left him?

5. What does this poem meant to you?