



SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 1 (For Class 9 – Act 1)

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.) $[1 \times 6 = 6]$

(i)	What is the profession of the 'mechanical'	who is questioned by Flavius and Marullus?
	(a) He is a carpenter	(b) He is a painter
	(c) He is a blacksmith	(d) He is a cobbler
(ii)	Why are the tribunes upset with the comm	moners?
	(a) They have been littering the streets	
	(b) They have not been worshipping their	gods
	(c) They are celebrating Caesar's victory of	ver Pompey
	(d) They have been stealing	
iii)	Which festival is being celebrated in Act 1	Scene II?
	(a) Christmas	(b) Saturnalia
	(c) Lupercalia	(d) Cerealia
(iv)	Which of the following is one of Caesar's	many weaknesses mentioned by Cassius?
	(a) Gluttony	(b) Epilepsy
	(c) Myopia	(d) Tuberculosis
(v)	Which of the following is one of the unnatural sights seen by Casca?	
	(a) A lion near the Capitol	(b) An eagle atop his house
	(c) A woman on fire	(d) Caesar's body spouting blood

(vi) What does Cassius claim he would do if Caesar was crowned? (b) Commit suicide (a) Raise an army (c) Leave Rome (d) Kill Calpurnia **SECTION B** Question 2 Read the following extract given below and answer the questions that follow: Brutus: What means this shouting? I do fear, the people Choose Caesar for their king. Cassius: Ay, do you fear it? Then must I think you would not have it so. Brutus: I would not, Cassius; yet I love him well – But wherefore do you hold me here so long? What is it that you would impart to me? If it be aught toward the general good, Set honour in one eye and death i' the other, And I will look on both indifferently, For let the gods so speed me as I love The name of honour more than I fear death. (i) In the lines given above, Brutus appears apprehensive of Caesar being crowned. How does Casca describe what had transpired after the games, in the absence of Brutus and Cassius? 3 3 (ii) How does Cassius establish his loyalty towards Brutus? 3 (iii) Discuss Caesar's weakness as described by Cassius. (iv) Caesar offers Antony certain insights into Cassius's character. Discuss whether those 3 insights are misplaced or accurate. (v) Analyse the way in which Cassius is able to motivate Brutus to align with the 4 conspirators. Use appropriate evidence from the text to support your answer. Question 3 Read the following extract given below and answer the questions that follow: Cassius: Let it be who it is: for Romans now Have thews and limbs like to their ancestors; But, woe the while! our fathers' minds are dead,

And we are govern'd with our mothers' spirits; Our yoke and sufferance show us womanish.

	Casca: Indeed, they say the senators to-morrow	
	Mean to establish Caesar as a king;	
	And he shall wear his crown by sea and land,	
	In every place, save here in Italy.	
(i)	Discuss the unnatural sights seen by Casca and his reaction to them.	3
(ii)	How does Cassius react to the storm? How does he interpret and explain the omens?	
iii)) Discuss Cassius's threat of suicide.	
iv)	Why does Casca believe that Brutus would be key addition to the conspirators' cause?	3
(v)	Why does Cassius believe Caesar would turn into a tyrant? How does he convince Casca	a
	to join the conspiracy?	4