

ISC Class 12 • English Literature

Important Questions 2027

Most repeated questions from the last few years of board and sample papers, grouped chapter-wise.

Macbeth (Acts III-V)

1. In Act IV Scene iii of the play, Macbeth, Malcolm tells Macduff that he has none of the "king becoming graces" because _____.

Seen in: Board 2025, 2026

Atithi / Guest

2. In the short story, Atithi, Motilal Babu is initially reluctant to marry his daughter to Tarapada because _____.

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The Cookie Lady

3. In the short story, The Cookie Lady, Bubber felt exhausted on his way back home after his meetings with Mrs. Drew because _____.

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There Will Come Soft Rains

4. Read the two statements from the short story, There Will Come Soft Rains, and choose the correct option from the ones given below. Statement I: '...the solvent spread on the linoleum, licking, eating, under the kitchen door, while the voices took it up in chorus: "Fire! fire! fire!"' Statement II: 'While scurrying water rats squeaked from the walls, pistolled their water, and ran for more. And the wall sprays let down showers of mechanical rain.' (a) Statements I and II are similar. (b) Statements I and II are not related to each other. (c) Statement I is the reason for Statement II. (d) Statement II is the reason for Statement I.

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Telephone Conversation

5. What do you infer about the speaker in the poem, Telephone Conversation? Do you feel that the landlady and the speaker could have come to a mutual understanding? Give reasons for your answer in 200-250 words.

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Tithonus

6. How does a boon become a curse for Tithonus in the poem, Tithonus? Answer in 100-150 words incorporating the following details. • Boon of immortality • Implications of the boon on his life

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Beethoven

7. The poem, Beethoven, illustrates Beethoven's determination and his ability to adapt himself to circumstances to create divine music. Justify the statement with close references to the poem, in about 200-250 words.

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Small Towns and the River

8. In the poem, Small Towns and the River, the poet says that 'The dead are placed pointing west' because _____.

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