

# MOCK SET I EXAMINATIONS 2019

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Prose and Poetry

Paper P310/1

2 Hours 30Minutes

## Instructions to candidates

- *This paper consists of **three** sections **I, II and III**.*
- *Candidates must answer **ALL** the questions in all sections.*
- *Spend 1 hour 10 minutes on section **I** and 55 minutes each on sections **II** and **III***
- *Indicate each section in your answer script*

## SECTION I:

### 1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

#### Hummer: Still a Rich Man's Toy

Here's a new flash: The Hummer isn't for people who don't want to be noticed. So, if you do wet work for the CIA or are paid to spy on married people playing musical beds, you probably don't want to drive to the job in this huge, thinly veiled military vehicle- with a price tag of \$85, 96, on the Hummer I tested, you also could say this is not a vehicle for those of us who clip food coupons from our Newspaper.

As a matter of fact, the Hummer is quite literally a richman's toy: the people who buy it are of actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who purchased five, the buyer earns well in excess of \$250,000 a year.

For those who spent the last six years back-packing in the shadow of the North pole, the Hummer is the civilian version of an incredibly sure – footed military pack animal called the Humvee (for high-mobility, multi-purpose wheeled vehicle)

Weighing in at more than three tons and half as wide as many cars, the Humvee was developed for the Army by AM general corp. the military uses the four –wheel –drive vehicle in 100 configurations, ranging from personal carriers and ambulances to mobile mountings for rocket launchers.

A.M General started building the Humvee at its plant in South Bend, ind....., in 1985. It began offering the Hummer Seven years later. This civilian rendition is available in several hard – and soft-top models. Including the hard rooted four-door pick-up I tested.

There is little essential difference between the Hummer and the military vehicle.

The Hummer painted with automative glass finishes instead of the flat olive drab and camouflage employed on the huvee, and it has passenger car amnities such as air conditioning and stereo. But structurally and mechanically, it is the same critter.

While the Hummer is arguably the finest product off-road vehicle in the World, and certainly the best I've ever driven. I had the thing in deep sand and on hideously rutted trails and I never got close to sticking it.

While Hummers, like other sport –utility vehicles, spend almost all their time on the road, they make a particularly wonderful rich man's play thing if Mr. portfolio happens to be an off-road enthusiast.

Most of the Hummer's off-road facility is evident just from looking at it. It has 16 inches of ground clearance, which is about twice that of a conventional sport-ute. The all-terrain tyres on the test vehicles were the biggest I've ever seen. At 37 inches in diameter, they weren't so many tyres as rubber –coated Ferris Wheels. Also, the Hummer's short front and rear overhang give it extraordinary angles of approach and departure.

Indeed, this vehicle will perform stunning feats. Because it is so wide and stable it can traverse grades that would send ordinary four-wheelers rolling down the hill. Its great clearance allows it to climb 22-inch steps without bottoming out. It can also ford a creek 1 ½ feet deep. Driving the rather hard –riding Hummer on the road is less impressive. You are constantly aware of its width on narrow city streets, and of the decibel level of its 6.5 litre General Motors diesel V-8.

The folks at A.M General made much of the fact that the huge diesel had been quieted down with additional sound insulation since the first time I drove the Hummer in early 1996. Presumably we should be thankful for small things. Instead of being seated in the fourth row at the heavy metal concert, we now have tickets for row seven.

Because the vehicle is so wide and has such a large driver-train tunnel, the driver feels light years away from the front-seat passengers. Granted, that distance with the engine's great noise, you also minimize first date- conversation.

Some of the comfort and inconvenience touches that have been installed on the Hummer including air conditioning are welcome. Others' such as the clearance –diminishing running boards on the test vehicle, are dashboard, gave the effect to emasculating first –date conversation in the world.

### Questions

- a)(i) Explain what the writer means by "arichman's toy" (40marks)
- (ii) Name the two major types of the Hummer mentioned in the passage. (6marks)
- iii) What is the essential difference between the two types? (6marks)
- iv) How advantageous is to own a Hummer, according to the passage? (8marks)
- b) Explain the meaning of the following words and expressions as used in the passage.
  - i) thinly veiled
  - ii) back –packing
  - iii) configurations
  - iv) off-road enthusiast

- v) sticking feats
- vi) stunning feats
- vii) decibel level
- viii) we now have tickets for row seven
- ix) first –date conversation
- x) to get too civilized

## SECTION II

2. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

### **WE ARE IN FOR ROUGH WEATHER.**

These are the taxes, these are our proposals. What do our opponents object to? Where is the socialism, injustice and wrong? Where is the socialism, injustice and wrong? Where is the oppression, where is the unfairness of it? Do they object to what we are spending the money for? They do not complain about air building dreadnoughts they want more, except that they want someone else, to pay for them. Do they object to pensions? What do they object to? Is it unfair to raise money for these purposes? We are imposing no burdens upon the earnings of any working man. The vast majority – I am sure whole – of the middle class of this country escape additional burdens. We put no burden upon the necessities of life of anyone. We are taxing the luxuries if a man has enough after maintaining his wife and family, and can spare something upon whisky and tobacco, why should he not afterwards contribute towards the pensions and defenses of the country? No; we are raising money by means that make it no more difficult for men workman in the country who have nothing between them and starvation in old age except the charity that will see that no man suffers hunger in the dark days of sickness, breakdown in health, and unemployment which visit no many of us. That is what we are going to do.

These schemes for the betterment of the people, we shall get them some day. We cannot get them without effort, and they will not be worth getting without effort freedom does not descend like manna from heaven. It has been won step by step by tramping the wilderness, fighting enemies, crossing Jordan, and cleaning jebusites out of the land. I do not regret that we cannot obtain these blessings except by fighting. The common people have taken no step that was worth taking without effort, sacrifice and fighting.

I cannot pretend to regret this conflict with which we are now confronted. It is well that democracies should now and again engage in these struggles for a wider freedom and a higher life. They represent stages in the advance of the people from the bondage of the past to the blessings of the future. Those who dread these political convulsions, who apprehend from them nothing but destruction and danger, have read their history in vain. The race has nothing to fear except from stagnation. Against our will, we have been precipitated into this tumult. For all that we mean to win our way through it to a better time. The people may not secure all they seek, but if they bear themselves manfully they, will achieve other ends they dare not even hope for now.

Yesterday I visited the old village where I was brought up, I wandered through the woods familiar to my boyhood. There I saw a child gathering sticks for firewood and I thought of the hours which I spent in the same pleasant and profitable occupation, for I also have been something of a “backwoodsman” and there is one experience taught to me then which is of use to fine weather for I generally returned empty handed, but after a great storm I always came back with an armful. We are in for rough weather. We may be even in for a winter of storms which will rock the forest, break may a withered branch, and leave many a rotten tree torn up by the roots. But when the weather clears, you may depend upon it that there will be something brought within the reach of the people that will help to dispel the hunger, the despair, the oppression and the wrong which now chill so many of their hearts.

(David Lloyd George)

### Questions

- a) State the speakers’ arguments in the passage. (6marks)
- b) Do you find the speaker’s arguments convincing? Why or why not? (4marks)
- c) Comment on the devices used by the speaker in the extract. (15marks)
- d) Describe the speaker’s tone in the extract. (8marks)

## SECTION III

### WHEN THIS CARNIVAL FINALLY CLOSES

When this frothful carnival finally closes, brother,  
 When you’re drumming veins dry, these very officers  
 Will burn the scripts of the praises we sang to you.  
 And shatter the calabashes you drank from. Your  
 Charms, these drums, and the effigies blazing will  
 Become the accomplices to your i.e achieved World!  
 Your bamboo hut on the beach, they’ll make a bonfire  
 Under the cover of giving their hero a true traditional  
 Burial, though in truth to rid themselves of another  
 Deadly spirit that might otherwise have haunted them.  
 And at the wake new mask dances will quickly leap  
 Into the arena dancing to lighter skins, boasting  
 Other clans of calabashes as the undertakes jest.  
 What did he think he would become, a God? The devil!

Jack Mapanje

### Questions

- a) What is the subject matter of the poem? (7marks)
- b) Comment on the following
  - i) The tone of the speaker. (6marks)
  - ii) The attitude towards the “brother” (4marks)
- c) How does the poet bring out his intended message? (12marks)

d) How relevant is the message in the poem to the contemporary society? (4marks)

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