**ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE**

**GRADE 12**

**LITERATURE TEST – Task 2**

**2012**

**TOTAL: 35**

Instructions

**Answer Section A or ONE question from Section B.**

**SECTION A**

**TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD**

Read the following extract from To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee and answer the questions that follow:

Tom Robinson hesitated, searching for an answer.

‘Looked like she didn’t have nobody to help her, like I says-’

‘With Mr. Ewell and seven children on the place, boy?’

‘Well, I says it looked like they never help her none-’

‘You did all this chopping and work from sheer goodness, boy?’

‘Tried to help her, I says.’

Mr. Gilmer smiled grimly at the jury. ‘You’re a mighty good fellow, it seems, did all this for not one penny?’

‘Yes suh. I felt sorry for her, she seemed to try more’n the rest of ’em-’

‘*You* felt sorry for *her,* you felt *sorry* for her?’ Mr. Gilmer seemed ready to rise to the ceiling.

The witness realized his mistake and shifted uncomfortably in the chair. But the damage was done. Below us, nobody liked Tom Robinson’s answer. Mr Gilmer paused a long time to let it sink in.

‘Now you went by the house as usual, last November twenty-first,’ he said, ‘and she asked you to come in and bust up a chiffarobe?’

‘No suh,’

‘Do you deny that you went by the house?’

‘No suh, she said she had somethin’ for me to do inside the house –’

‘She says she asked you to bust up a chiffarobe, is that right?’

‘No suh, it ain’t.’

‘Then you say she’s lying, boy?’

Atticus was on his feet, but Tom Robinson didn’t need him. ‘I don’t say she’s lyin’, Mr Gilmer, I say she’s mistaken in her mind.’

To the next ten questions, as Mr Gilmer reviewed Mayella’s version of events, the witness’s steady answer was that she was mistaken in her mind.

‘Didn’t Mr Ewell run you off the place, boy?’

‘No suh, I don’t think he did.’

‘Don’t think, what do you mean?’

‘I mean I didn’t stay long enough for him to run me off.’

‘You’re very candid about this, why did you run so fast?’

‘I says I was scared, suh.’

‘If you had a clear conscience, why were you scared?’

‘Like I says before, it weren’t safe for any nigger to be in a - fix like that.’

‘But you weren’t in a fix – you testified that you were resisting Miss Ewell. Were you so scared that she’d hurt you, you ran, a big buck like you?’

‘No suh, I’s scared I’d be in court, just like I am now.’

‘Scared of arrest, scared you’d have to face up to what you did?’

‘No suh, scared I’d hafta face up to what I didn’t do.’

‘Are you being impudent to me, boy?’

‘No suh, I didn’t go to be.’

This was as much as I heard of Mr Gilmer’s cross-examination, because Jem made me take Dill out. For some reason Dill had started crying and couldn’t stop; quietly at first, then his sobs were heard by several people in the balcony.

(Chapter 19)

**Answer the following questions:**

* 1. Explain why Tom Robinson is in court.

(2)

1.2 Tom Robinson said Mayella asked him to do something in the house. What did Mayella say in her testimony did she ask Tom Robinson to do?

(2)

1.3 Tom Robinson said he just wanted to help Mayella. Why is this statement ironic?

(2)

1.4 Where was the seven children on the day that Mayella was allegedly raped?

(2)

1.5 Refer to the following line: ‘I don’t say she’s lyin’, Mr Gilmer, I say she’s mistaken in her mind.’ Explain briefly why Tom Robinson can not say Mayella Ewell is lying.

(3)

1.6 Tom Robinson also said he felt sorry for Mayella. Why was that a mistake?

(2)

1.8 Tom Robinson said it seemed Mayella tried harder than the rest of them. What prove do you have that Mayella tried harder than the rest of the Ewells. Mention only ONE .

(1)

1.9 What fix was Tom Robinson in?

(3)

1.10 Why was Dill crying?

(2)

**Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

‘It’s an easy question, Miss Mayella, so I’ll try again. Do you remember him beating you about the face?’ Atticus’s voice had lost its comfortableness; he was speaking in his arid, detached professional voice. ‘Do you remember him beating you about the face?’

‘No, I don’t recollect if he hit me. I mean yeas I do, he hit me.’

‘Was your last sentence your answer?’

‘Huh? Yes, he hit – I just don’t remember, I just don’t remember … it all happened so quick.’

Judge Taylor looked sternly at Mayella. ‘Don’t you cry, young woman –’ he began, but Atticus said, ‘Let her cry if she wants to, Judge. We’ve got all the time in the world.’

Mayella sniffed wrathfully and looked at Atticus. ‘I’ll answer any question you got – get me up here an’ mock me, will you? I’ll answer any question you got-’

‘That’s fine,’ said Atticus. ‘There’re only a few more. Miss Mayella, not to be tedious, you’ve testified that the defendant hit you, grabbed you around the neck, choked you, and took advantage of you. I want you to be sure you have the right man. Will you identify the man who raped you?’

‘I will, that’s him right yonder.’

Atticus turned to the defendant. ‘Tom, stand up. Let Miss Mayella have a good long look at you. Is this the man, Miss Mayella?’

Tom Robinson’s powerful shoulders rippled under his thin shirt. He rose to this feet and stood with his right hand on the back of his chair. He looked oddly off balance, but it was not form the way he was standing. His left arm was fully twelve inches shorter than his right, and hung dead at his side. It ended in a small shriveled hand, and from far away as the balcony I could see that it was no use to him.

(Chapter 18)

**Answer the following questions:**

2.1 Why is it important for Atticus to know if Tom Robinson beat her in the face?

(3)

2.2 This is not the only time that Mayella wants to cry during her cross-examination. She cried also right at the beginning. Why did she cry at the beginning?

(2)

2.3 How did Atticus mock Mayella, according to Mayella?

(2)

2.4 Earlier Atticus asked Mayella a question and Mayella asked if Atticus was making fun of her. What is the question that Atticus asked Mayella?

(1)

2.5 Why does Atticus make Tom Robinson stand? Give two reasons.

(2)

2.6 Earlier Sheriff Tate testified something about the injuries in Mayella’s face. What did he testify?

(2)

2.7 Take Sheriff Tate’s testimony into consideration and the fact that Tom Robinson has a useless right hand. What was Atticus trying to prove?

(2)

2.8 Who did Atticus suggest may have hit Mayella? Give two reasons for your answer.

(2)

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**OR**

**SECTION B**

**Question 3 – Essay question**

**Answer only ONE of these essay questions.**

Describe Boo Radley, through the eyes of Jem and Scout Finch and Dill. Discuss his habits, his appearance, and his actions. Also elaborate on how the children interacted with Boo Radley although Boo never leaves the house.

Write not more than 350 words. Write down the number of words you have used.

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3.2 Jem changes in the course of the novel. How does Harper Lee show this?

Write about:

* what he is like at the start and at the end of the novel
* events that have an effect on him
* people who have an effect on him
* how the writer uses particular moments to show change

Write not more than 350 words. Write down the number of words you have used.

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