

# Two Gentlemen Of Verona

2016

## Extract Based Questions [3 Marks]

### Question 1.

Read the extract given below and answer briefly the questions that follow.

He smiled uncomfortably, "Just plans, sir," he answered in a low voice.

- In the above line, who is talking and to whom?
- What plans is the speaker referring to?
- Give the antonym of 'smiled'.

### Answer:

- Nicola is talking to the narrator.
- The speaker Nicola is referring to their plans for saving money for the treatment of their sister.
- frowned.

### Question 2.

Read the extract given below and answer briefly the questions that follow.

"We do many things, sir", Nicola answered seriously. He glanced at us hopefully.

- What many things did the boys do?
- Why did they have to do them?
- Give the antonym of 'seriously'.

### Answer:

- The boys did many things such as shoeshining, selling fruits, hawking newspapers and conducting tourists round the town and running errands.
- They were doing these things to earn money for the treatment of their sister who was in hospital.
- carelessly.



2015

**Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks]**

**Question 1.**

How did Luigi behave on seeing the two boys?

**Answer:**

Luigi behaved in an unfriendly way. He expressed his disgust for them. Moreover, he doubted them as cheats or thieves owing to their shabby appearance. He requested the author not to buy fruits from them.

**Question 2.**

Why was the author and his friend attracted towards the two boys?

**Answer:**

Both the author and his friend observed that the two boys possessed a series of virtues. They were diligent, honest, dutiful, modest and courteous. In their tender age they were doing various kinds of work to earn more money. Their devotion and dedication to duty impressed both the author and his friend.

2014

**Short Answer Type Question [2 Marks]**

**Question 3.**

Although Nicola and Jacopo are young boys, the author refers to them as gentlemen. Why does he do so?

**Answer:**

The author finds that the two brothers are law-abiding, responsible, caring more for human values, respectful and self-dependent. They are also honest, diligent and soft-spoken. For saving the life of their only surviving blood relative, their only sister, they are sacrificing their lot.

2013

**Extract Based Question [3 Marks]**

**Question 4.**

Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follow:

“You will get fruit much better in Verona. Besides, these boys...”

- Who speaks these lines and to whom?
- Why does the speaker disapprove of the boys?
- What fruit has been referred to here?

**Answer:**

- Luigi, the driver, speaks these lines to the author.
- The speaker does not like their shabby appearance. He doubts them as cheats or



thieves.

- Wild strawberries have been referred to here.

2012

### Extract Based Question [3 Marks]

#### Question 5.

Read the extract given below and answer briefly the questions that follow.

They greeted us with friendly faces.

"I thought you picked fruit for a living", I said.

- Who are 'they'?
- How did 'they' greet the narrator?
- What did the narrator think 'they' did for a living?

#### Answer:

- 'They' here stands for the two boys, Nicola and Jacopo.
- They greeted the narrator in a very respectful and courteous manner.
- The narrator thought that they picked wild strawberries for earning their livelihood.

### Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks]

#### Question 6.

What did the narrator see when he looked through the glass partition? (Two Gentlemen of Verona)

#### Answer:

The narrator saw that the two boys seated beside a girl of about twenty, who propped up on pillows. She was listening to their chatter. She bore resemblance to her brothers. They gave her vase of wild flowers, fruits and several books.

#### Question 7.

What errands did Nicola and Jacopo do to earn their living?

#### Answer:

The two boys used to shine shoes, sell fruits, hawk newspapers, conduct tourists round the town and ran errands. They never bothered for themselves. For earning their livelihood and saving the life of their sister, they performed even difficult tasks.

2011

### Extract Based Question [3 Marks]

#### Question 8.

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

When the resistance movement began secretly to form they were among the first to join.

When the war was over, and we had peace at last, they came back to their beloved sister.

- Who are the 'they' referred to here?
- Why did they join the resistance movement?
- What had happened to their sister?



**Answer:**

- The word 'they' here stands for the two boys, Nicola and Jacopo.
- Their spontaneous hatred and anger for the Germans led them to join the resistance movement. The Germans had ruined their entire family and thrown them into the streets.
- Owing to poverty, she became a victim of malnutrition. In course of time, she began to suffer from tuberculosis of the spine.

**Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks]**

**Question 9.**

What were the hardships faced by Nicola and Jacopo?

**Answer:**

Both Nicola and Jacopo had to work hard from morning till midnight to make their both ends meet. They had to earn more and spend less as they had to meet the expenses of the treatment of their only surviving blood relative, i.e. their sister.

**Question 10.**

Why were the narrator and his companion impressed by the two boys?

**Answer:**

Both the author and his friend observed that the two boys possessed a series of virtues. They were diligent, honest, dutiful, modest and courteous. In their tender age, they were doing various kinds of work in order to earn more money. Their devotion and dedication to duty impressed both the author and his friend.

**Long Answer Type Question [4 Marks]**

**Question 11.**

Imagine you are the narrator in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'. You were touched by the love and devotion of the boys for their sister. Write a letter to a friend about the two boys and the attraction you felt for them.

**Answer:**

11, Church Road Venice  
25 June 20XX Dear John

I hope you are hale and hearty. I am writing about selfless action and sacrifice of the two small boys of Verona.

Life has many surprises. I happened to encounter two boys in Verona. They were homeless orphans. But they were working hard to earn more money. They spent less and saved more to save the life of their only surviving blood relative, their sister Lucia. She was suffering from tuberculosis of the spine. Her treatment was going on in a hospital.

These two boys undertook all kinds of work for saving the life of their sister. Their selfless action, their sacrifice and their total devotion to their cause impressed me so much. Their series of virtues earn our respect, sympathy and love for them. They were too self-respecting and proud to show their personal problems or agony to any outsider. They never asked for any favour from anyone.

They are indeed two little angels. I salute their sacrifice and far-sightedness. With love.

Yours sincerely  
**Mohan**