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TO: ALL HEADS OF SCHOOLS

Dear Principal,

**SUBJECT: BIFURCATION OF ICSE AND ISC LITERATURE IN ENGLISH FROM
THE EXAMINATION YEAR 2024 ONWARDS.**

As per the decision taken in the meeting of the Standing Committee on Examinations of the CISCE, held on 23rd May 2022, the Literature in English syllabus at the ICSE and ISC levels will be bifurcated from the Examination Year 2024 onwards.

Therefore, in keeping with this decision, syllabus will be prescribed separately for Classes IX and X at the ICSE level and Classes XI and XII at the ISC level. However, **for the ICSE (Class X) and ISC (Class XII) Board Examination, only the syllabus prescribed for Class X and XII respectively, will be tested.**

The class wise bifurcated syllabus for Literature in English at the ICSE and ISC levels is attached herewith.

You are requested to inform all concerned of this change and share the ICSE and ISC bifurcated syllabi for Literature in English with them.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Arathoon
Chief Executive and Secretary

ICSE: Examination Year 2024 onwards

Prescribed bifurcated Syllabus for Literature in English

CLASS IX

DRAMA: THE MERCHANT OF VENICE (Shakespeare's unabridged play by A.W. Verity) **ACTS - 1 & 2**

TREASURE TROVE - A COLLECTION OF ICSE POEMS AND SHORT STORIES

POETRY:

- The Heart of the Tree – Henry Cuyler Bunner
- The Cold Within–James Patrick Kinney
- The Bangle Sellers – Sarojini Naidu
- After Blenheim – Robert Southey
- Television – Roald Dahl

PROSE (Short stories):

- Chief Seattle's Speech
- Old Man at the Bridge – Ernest Miller Hemingway
- A Horse and Two Goats – R.K. Narayan
- Hearts and Hands – O. Henry
- A Face in the Dark – Ruskin Bond

CLASS X

DRAMA: THE MERCHANT OF VENICE (Shakespeare's unabridged play by A.W. Verity: **ACTS - 3, 4 & 5**

TREASURE TROVE - A COLLECTION OF ICSE POEMS AND SHORT STORIES

POETRY:

- Daffodils – William Wordsworth
- I know why the Caged Bird Sings – Maya Angelou
- The Patriot – Robert Browning
- Abu Ben Adhem – Leigh Hunt
- Nine Gold Medals – David Roth

PROSE (Short stories):

- An Angel in Disguise – T.S. Arthur
- The Little Match Girl – Hans Christian Andersen
- The Blue Bead – Norah Burke
- My Greatest Olympic Prize – Jesse Owens
- All Summer in a Day – Ray Douglas Bradbury

NOTE: Only the syllabus prescribed for Class X will be tested in the ICSE (Class X) Board Examination

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ISC: Examination Year 2024 onwards

Prescribed bifurcated Syllabus for Literature in English

CLASS XI

DRAMA: THE TEMPEST: WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE [ACTS - 1, 2]

ECHOES: A COLLECTION OF ISC SHORT STORIES

- Salvatore: W. Somerset Maugham
- To Build a Fire: Jack London
- The Chinese Statue: Jeffrey Archer
- A Gorilla in the Guest Room: Gerald Durrell
- The Sound Machine: Roald Dahl

REVERIE: A COLLECTION OF ISC POEMS

- The Gift of India: Sarojini Naidu
- Crossing the Bar: Alfred, Lord Tennyson
- Desiderata: Max Ehrmann
- The Spider and the Fly: Mary Botham Howitt
- We are the Music Makers: Arthur William Edgar O' Shaughnessy

CLASS XII

DRAMA: THE TEMPEST: WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE [ACTS - 3, 4 & 5]

ECHOES: A COLLECTION OF ISC SHORT STORIES

- Fritz: Satyajit Ray
- Quality: John Galsworthy
- The Story of an Hour: Kate Chopin
- The Singing Lesson: Katherine Mansfield
- B. Wordsworth: V.S. Naipaul

REVERIE: A COLLECTION OF ISC POEMS

- The Darkling Thrush: Thomas Hardy
- Birches: Robert Frost
- The Dolphins: Carol Ann Duffy
- John Brown: Bob Dylan
- Dover Beach: Matthew Arnold

NOTE: Only the syllabus prescribed for Class XII will be tested in the ISC (Class XII) Board Examination

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