

**GRADE – 9 DISCRIPTIVE TEST (JULY 2020) 16.07.2020**

**MARKS – 25**

1. **READ THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS AND ANSWER THE GIVEN QUESTIONS: (9marks)**

Now in memory comes my mother
As she used in years alone,
To regard the darling dreamers

Ere she left them till the dawn:
O! I feel her fond look on me

 As I list to this refrain

Which is played upon the shingles

By the patter of the rain.

1.(a)Which sound is the poet listening to? (1)

 (b)The sound reminds the poet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1)

 (c)Which word in the extract means “the ability to remember things”? (1)

 (d)Who are the darling dreamers he refers to? (1)

When the humid shadows hover

Overall, the starry spheres

And the melancholy darkness

Gently weeps in rainy tears,

What a bliss to press the pillow

Of a cottage-chamber bed

And lie listening to the patter

Of the soft rain overhead!

2.(a)What are the humid shadows? (1)

 (b)What do they do? (1)

 (c)Why does the poet call darkness melancholy? (1)

 (d)Identify two literary / poetic devices from the above stanza with examples. (2)

**ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN 150 – 180 WORDS.**

1. “If you work hard and know where you are going, you’ll get there,” remarks Evelyn Glennie. What does it reveal about her character? (8m)
2. ‘If there is a part of the brain especially devoted to mischief, that part was largely developed in Toto’. Justify the statement. Why did even grandfather realise that Toto was not the sort of pet they could keep for long? (8m)