

SENIOR EXAMINATION PAPERS, 1909.

ENGLISH.

Time: two hours.

1. Write out:
 - a. Eight lines beginning, "Ring out, ye crystal spheres!"
 - b. Eight lines beginning, "O statesmen, guard us, guard the eye".
 - c. Eight lines beginning, "Straight mine eye hath caught new pleasures".
2. Write an essay on the qualities shown at the trial scene by the principal characters in *The Merchant of Venice*.
3. Explain and refer to their context:
 - a. I stand for sacrifice;
The rest are the Dardanian wives.
 - b. How wide the limits stand
Between a splendid and a happy land.
 - c. And the chill marble seems to sweat,
While each peculiar Power foregoes his wonted seat.
 - d. Small difference lies between thy creed and mine.
 - e. Drink of my cup, for in it sparkles the wine of the
East, and Nepenthe, the comfort of the Immortals.
 - f. Another sight had seen that morn,
From Fate's dark book a leaf been torn!
 - g. With far-heard whisper, o'er the sea,
Off shot the spectre-bark.
4. Write notes on the following words and phrases: patines; traject; rede; mansion; storied urn; mantling bliss; Jonson's

learned sock; wanton heed; a livery more *guarded*; affection, mistress of passion.

5. What is necessary to perspicuity of style? To what faults of style may obscurity be due?

6. Define pleonasm and prolixity, giving an example of each.

MODERN HISTORY.

Time: two hours and a half.

1. What were the defects of Somerset's administration? Show how these led to his downfall.

2. Sketch the history of Sir Walter Raleigh, dwelling particularly on his importance as a pioneer.

3. Trace the growth of the divergence between Charles I and his parliaments.

4. Describe with detail England's relations with European powers under Charles II.

5. Write notes upon (a) Sir Thomas Wyatt, (b) Lord Falkland, (c) Prynne.

ANCIENT HISTORY.

Time: two and a half hours.

1. Give some account of the career of (a) Ti. Gracchus, (b) Catiline, (c) Miltiades, (d) Socrates.

2. Describe the following battles and show their importance: (a) Pharsalia, (b) Actium, (c) Aegospotami, (d) Arbela.

3. Give a list of the countries ruled by Rome in the year 80 B.C.

4. Write a description of the buildings on the Athenian Acropolis in the year 400 B.C.

5. Say what you know of (a) the first triumvirate at Rome, (b) the causes of the Peloponnesian war.