LOYOLA SCHOOL, BHUBANESWAR

Second Class Evaluation – November 2025

Class: VIII	**Subject: English Literature**	**F.M.= 20**	**Time: 40 mins.**

(COPY THE QUESTION NUMBERS CORRECTLY WHILE WRITING YOUR ANSWERS)

I. Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate response from the choices given below (Please do not copy the question-simply write out in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase) **[1x10=10]**

1. What was the most significant change in Chips's character after his marriage to Katherine?

(a) He became a more conscientious and hard worker.
(b) He became a more gentle, wise, and popular man with the boys.
(c) He started making more jokes and writing short poems.
(d) He became a more disciplined and less rigid person.

2. Why did Katherine's idea for the soccer match face initial resistance?

(a) The school staff believed the East End boys would be too skilled and defeat their team.
(b) The school staff thought that the East End boys would be hooligans or would be made to feel uncomfortable leading to "incidents."
(c) The school staff felt it was too much work to organize a match with an outside team.
(d) The school staff believed the mission boys were not good enough to play soccer.

3. How did the soccer match between the Poplar boys and the Brookfield team end?

(a) The Poplar boys won by seven goals to five.
(b) The Brookfield team won by seven goals to five.
(c) The match ended in a draw.
(d) The match was canceled due to a hitch.

4. What happened after the soccer match?

(a) The Poplar boys were sent home immediately.
(b) The Poplar boys had high tea with the school team and met the Head.
(c) The Poplar boys caused an incident and were asked to leave.
(d) The school staff apologized for their initial opposition.

5. What was the main difficulty Chips faced when trying to write down his memories?

(a) He couldn't remember the details clearly.
(b) He found writing to be tiring.
(c) He didn't have a proper exercise book.
(d) He was unable to organize his thoughts.

6. What was the "strange business" that is mentioned as one of the many incidents in Chips's memory?

(a) The affair of Archer's resignation
(b) The rat in the organ loft
(c) The reason for the fifth-form room being called 'the Pit'
(d) The conversation with Wetherby in 1870

7. What was Katherine's talent?

(a) She was a good cello player and a fine musician.
(b) She was a good writer and a fine poet.
(c) She was a good teacher and a fine artist.
(d) She was a good gardener and a fine chef.

8. Why did Mr Chips' recollections lose their "flavour" when written down?

(a) Mr Chips was a poor writer.
(b) The stories were only funny at the time they happened.
(c) The events took place too long ago.
(d) Mr Chips couldn't remember the details clearly.

9. What did Kathie give Chips that was beyond the roofs of Brookfield?

(a) A new career
(b) A cleverer brain
(c) An outlook on his country
(d) A different job

10. What was the final outcome of the visit by the boys from Poplar?

(a) The visit was a disaster with many "incidents" as predicted.
(b) The Poplar boys won the soccer match and caused a stir.
(c) The visit was a success, and everything "had passed without the slightest hitch."
(d) The boys from Poplar were rude and left a bad impression.

II. Answer the following questions with reference to the context: [2x5=10]

A. "That boy's a menace…he's got beasts in his belfry."

1. Who said this and to whom?
2. Which boy is he talking about and why was he 'a menace'?
3. Who are referred to as 'beasts' by the speaker?
4. What was the occasion and where was the speaker?
5. Did the speaker's mother agree with his opinion? Give reason for your answer.

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