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OXFORD HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1946

TUESDAY, JULY 16. TIME ALLOWED—3 HOURS

English III

[You should attempt **THREE** questions. They are to be regarded as subjects for essays, and you should pay strict attention to style. Little credit will be given to answers which exhibit ill-assorted knowledge.]

1. Estimate the poetic quality of the *Book of Psalms*.
2. 'A work of art must be sincere.' What do you understand by this statement? Is it true of literature?
3. 'Rhythm and metre are not the same thing, though they belong to the same order of things' (LASCELLES ABERCROMBIE). Expand this assertion.
4. Is the novel merely 'a mirror of life'?
5. Write on **either** (a) allegory, **or** (b) irony.
6. London life in English literature.
7. Write on **one** of the following:—
 - (a) Royalty in Shakespeare's histories.
 - (b) Falling in love in Shakespeare's comedies.
 - (c) The relation of parent and child in Shakespeare's tragedies.
8. Comedy as the 'sword of common sense'.
9. 'Better too short than too long.' Is this true of the essay?