

**TENDER HEART HIGH SCHOOL, SEC 33 B, CHD.**  
**CLASS : IX**  
**SUBJECT : ENGLISH LITERATURE**  
**ACT II, SC-1 JULIUS CAESAR**

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**Passage 5 :**

- (i) Cassius doubts whether Caesar will come to the Senate or not because he believes that Caesar has grown too much superstitious lately which is quite contrary to the opinion he once held so strongly in regard to such things. Cassius fears that the advice of his Chief advisors or soothsayers will prevent him from going to the Capitol. Decius Brutus promises that he will bring Caesar to the Senate. He knows Caesar is fond of flattery so he plans to flatter him that he will forget all bad omens and get ready to come to the Senate.
- (ii) He is Caius Ligarius who has strong dislike for Caesar. The proposal to make him a part of the conspiracy against Caesar, though not good, is supported by Brutus. Brutus promises that he will prevail upon him to join the conspiracy.
- (iii) Brutus advises the conspirators to look bright and cheerful for they must not betray themselves through their looks but behave as the Roman actors do, with tireless spirit and firm determination.
- (iv) Portia, Brutus' wife enters a little later. She asks Brutus about his strange behaviour of late as he had suddenly left the table, was pacing up and down, left his bed so early, was

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seemed observed in his thoughts. She could not understand this sudden change in his behaviour.

### PASSAGE 6:

- (i) Portia makes different guesses about Brutus' health. Brutus' changed and abnormal behaviour is beyond her understanding. She cannot find any clue to his annoying behaviour. She thinks that it could be due to some mental pressure. But what it is she fails to understand.
- (ii) Portia shows her love, concern and submissive-ness by reminding Brutus of the vows of marriage that she is his better half and deserves to share his worries, problems or anything that concerns them both.
- (iii) Portia tries to prove to Brutus that she is stronger than any other woman by inflicting a wound on her thigh that she has the endurance of man.
- (iv) This conversation is interrupted by the entry of Lucius who is Brutus' servant and Ligarius whom Caesar disliked because once he had praised Pompey. Brutus promises Portia that he will prove himself worthy of such a noble wife and share all his secrets with her.
- (v) Earlier Portia tries to play with Brutus' emotions by urging him to let her enter his innermost thoughts if only she had the

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slightest seat in his heart. If he does not love her, then she ceases to his wife. This is the most powerful plea that a woman can make and this succeeds invariably. No man can deny this.