

B.A. 1st Semester (General) Examination, 2019 (CBCS)

Subject : English

Paper : GE-1/CC-1A

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

Section-A (Poetry)

1. Answer *any five* of the following questions: 2×5=10
- (a) Why does the speaker say, “I never writ nor no man even loved” in Sonnet 116?
 - (b) How does Shakespeare glorify true love in Sonnet 116?
 - (c) What does the expression ‘a shimer did my spirit seal’ mean?
 - (d) How will time not affect the poet’s beloved in “A Shimer Did My Sprit Seal”?
 - (e) What are the apparent contradictions in the phrase “sweet unrest” in ‘Bright Star’?
 - (f) What is meant by “Like Nature’s patient sleepless Ermite”?
 - (g) What does the expression “Strange friend” suggest in Owen’s “Strange Meeting”?
 - (h) What does the poet mean by the expression “Wildest beauty in the world” in Owen’s “Strange Meeting”?
2. Answer *any two* from the following: 5×2=10
- (a) Briefly explain any two images in Shakespeare’s Sonnet 116.
 - (b) Comment on the concluding line of Owen’s “Strange Meeting”?
 - (c) What are the qualities of the star that Keats would like to emulate in “Bright Star”?
3. Answer *any one* from the following: 10×1=10
- (a) Discuss the poet’s attempts to define true love in Shakespeare’s Sonnet 116?
 - (b) Discuss the significance of the title “Strange Meeting”.

Section-B (Essay and Short Story)

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions: 2×5=10
- (a) Where did Lamb’s grandmother live?
 - (b) Who are Alice and John in Lamb’s “Dream Children: a Reverie”?
 - (c) How does Lamb present his brother ‘John L’ in “Dream Children: A Reverie”?
 - (d) What does Lamb mean by the ‘busts of the twelve Caesars’?

- (e) Who came to attend Mrs Field's funeral and why did they come?
- (f) What was the sole entertainment for Mrs Thurlow?
- (g) Why did Mrs Thurlow look suspiciously at her husband when he returned home late and did not eat anything?

5. Answer *any two* of the following questions: 5×2=10

- (a) “..... till the old marble heads would seem to be live again to be turned into marble with them’.

Explain the significance of the lines.

- (b) What does the author mean by the expression ‘busy-idle diversions’?
- (c) “.... such a distance there is between life and death”— Bring out the significance of the words.
- (d) What did money symbolize for Mrs Thurlow?

6. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10

- (a) Discuss ‘Dream Children: A Reverie’ as a personal essay.
 - (b) Comment on the significance of the title of the short story “The Ox” by H. E. Bates.
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