

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term-End Examination

February, 2021

ELECTIVE COURSE : ENGLISH

BEGE-106 : UNDERSTANDING POETRY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer questions no. **1, 2 and 3** and any **two** of the remaining questions.

1. Write notes on any **two** of the following

(250 words each) :

2×10=20

- (a) Meter and Metrics
- (b) Blank Verse
- (c) Iambic Pentameter
- (d) Quantitative Meter

2. Critically examine, with reference to the context, any **two** of the following : $2 \times 10 = 20$

(a) Here rests his head upon the lap of Earth
A youth, to Fortune and to Fame unknown;
Fair Science frown'd not on his humble birth
And Melancholy mark'd him for her own.

(b) Such was that happy garden-state,
While man there walk'd without a mate;
After a place so pure and sweet,
What other help could yet be meet !

(c) I would build that dome in air,
That sunny dome ! those caves of ice !
And all who heard should see them there,
And all should cry, Beware ! Beware !

(d) There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society where none intrudes,
By the deep Sea, and music in its roar :

3. Answer any **three** of the following questions : $3 \times 20 = 60$

(a) The poem 'Postcard from Kashmir' discusses the poet's memories of his homeland. Do you agree ? Discuss.

- (b) Discuss the central idea of the poem 'The Strayed Reveller'.
 - (c) Elaborate on the form and style of the poem 'Ajamil and the Tigers'.
 - (d) Discuss the imagery in the poem 'Hawk'.
 - (e) Critically appreciate Wallace Stevens' poem 'The Snow Man'.
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Note : *Questions 1 and 2 are **compulsory**. Answers any **three** of the remaining questions.*

1. Explain any four of the following passages with reference to the context, supplying brief critical comments : *10×4=40*
- (a) So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.
- (b) Whether both th' Indias of spice and mine
Be where thou leftst them, or lie here with
me.
- (c) The trumpet of a prophecy ! O Wind,
If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind ?

- (d) All weakness which impairs, all griefs which
bow,
Find their sole speech in that victorious
brow.
- (e) Unwearied still, lover by lover,
They paddle in the cold,
Companionable streams or climb the air;
Their hearts have not grown old.
- (f) Singing my days
Singing the great achievements of the
present
Singing the strong light works of engineers,
Our modern wonders.
- (g) My mother only said
Thank God the scorpion picked on me
And spared my children.
- (h) Now she looks for the swing
in cities with fifteen suburbs
and tries to be innocent about it.

2. Write short notes on any **three** of the following: 5×3=15

- (a) Simile
(b) Onomatopoeia
(c) Symbol
(d) Elegy
(e) Collocation
(f) Octameter

3. Critically comment on the poem, “The Unknown Citizen”. 15

 4. Evaluate Walt Whitman as a poet of America based on your understanding of the poem, “Passage to India”. 15

 5. Explain the characteristic features of a pastoral elegy with special reference to “Lycidas”. 15

 6. What do you understand by Sonnet ? Critically comment on Sonnet-55 of William Shakespeare. 15

 7. Discuss Wordsworth’s view of nature with reference to his poem “Tintern Abbey”. 15
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