

3 Yr. Degree/4 Yr. Honours 1st Semester Examination, 2023 (CCFUP)

Subject : English

Course: ENGL1021 (MINOR)

(Poems, Essays and Short Stories, Rhetoric and Prosody)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.

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

1. Answer *any ten* of the following questions: 2×10=20
- (a) “If this be error ...” What is the “error” referred to here?
 - (b) “Which alters when it alteration finds”. What is meant by “it”? Bring out the meaning of the extract.
 - (c) Why does Wordsworth in “A Slumber did my Spirit Seal” say that he “had no human fears”?
 - (d) What is meant by “the touch of earthly years”?
 - (e) “One word is too often profaned”. What is meant by “one word” and “profaned”?
 - (f) “There shall be / In that rich earth a richer dust concealed”. What are referred to as “rich earth” and “richer dust”?
 - (g) “... those innocents would do her no harm”. Who says this? Who are referred to here as “innocents”?
 - (h) Who was Alice W___n?
 - (i) Why was a committee formed by the British Broadcasting Corporation? Answer with reference to Shaw’s “Spoken English and Broken English”?
 - (j) What is Shaw’s warning to “foreign” hearers of English?
 - (k) What is the “stock” referred to in R.K. Narayan’s “Out of Business”?
 - (l) Why does Rama Rao move to a small house behind the market in R.K. Narayan’s “Out of Business”?
 - (m) How did the author react when he saw the girl for the first time in Ruskin Bond’s “The Night Train at Deoli”?
 - (n) What is “metaphor”? Give one example.
 - (o) What is “antithesis”? Give one example.

2. Answer *any four* of the following questions:

5×4=20

- (a) "It is the star to every wand'ring bark". Explain the image in this line.
- (b) "She seemed a thing that could not feel". Why is "she" called a "thing"?
- (c) Explain the phrase "The desire of the moth for the star".
- (d) "We are nothing; less than nothing, and dreams". Briefly explain the extract.
- (e) Name and explain the figures of speech in the following:
"The pen is mightier than the sword".
- (f) Scan the following, mentioning the prosodic name and pointing out the variations, if any:
The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd wind slowly o'er the lea,
The ploughman homeward plods his weary way,
And leaves the world to darkness and to me.

3. Answer *any two* of the following questions:

10×2=20

- (a) How does Shakespeare establish the idea of the immutability of love in his Sonnet 116?
 - (b) Consider Rupert Brooke's "The Soldier" as a war poem.
 - (c) Discuss the autobiographical elements in Lamb's "Dream Children: A Reverie".
 - (d) Assess R.K. Narayan's "Out of Business" as a short story.
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