

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term-End Examination

December, 2013

ELECTIVE COURSE : ENGLISH

EEG-6 : UNDERSTANDING POETRY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Answer question 1 and 2 and 3 and 3 more from the remaining once.*

1. Explain *any four* of the following passages with reference to the context, supplying brief critical comments where necessary : 4x7=28
- (a) I come to pluck your berries harsh and
crude, And with forced fingers rude.
shatter your leaves before the mellowing
year.
- (b) Full many a gem of purest ray serene the
dark unfathom'd of ocean bear :
Full many a flower is born to blust unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.
- (c) About, about, in real and rout The
death-fires danced at night;
The Water, like a witch's oils,
Burnt green and blue and white.
- (d) Yes! in the sea of life enisled
With echoing straits between us thrown,
Dotting the shoreless watery wild.
We mortal millions live alone.

- (e) And our teachers report that he never interfered with their education.
Was he free ? Was he happy ? The question absurd:
Had anything been wrong we should certainly have heard.
- (f) Since then - its Centuries - and yet Feels shorter than the Day
I first surmised the Horses' Heads Were toward Eternity.
- (g) In her hands are holds
The oil lamp
Whose drunken yellow flames
know where her lonely body hides.

2. I can one of the following passage and comment on its procedure features : 6
- (a) They way not mine O lord
However dark it be;
Lead me with there own hand
choose out the path for me.
- (b) Tell me not in meaningful numbers
Life is but an empty dream;
For the soul is dead that Humbles,
And things are not what they seem.
3. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : **2x3=6**
- (a) metaphor
(b) synecdoche
(c) dramatic monologue
(d) pastoral elegy
4. Discuss the theme of 'On His Blindness' by John Milton. 20
5. Why should death not be proud ? Discuss their question with reference to Holy Sonnet X by John Donne. 20

6. How does nature influence man according to William Wordsworth ? 20
 7. Describe the personality of The Lady of shalott as it emerges from the lines you have read. 20
 8. What are the salient features of modern poetry as understood by you ? 20
 9. Discuss the theme of 'The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost. 20
 10. Write an essay on the role of memory in the poetry of Kamaladas. 20
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