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**DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE WRITING IN
ENGLISH (DCE)**

Term-End Examination

December, 2021

DCE-5 : WRITING POETRY

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) Answer **five** questions in all, choosing at least **two** questions from each Section.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

Section—A

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

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- (a) Diction
- (b) Imagery in poetry
- (c) Metre and rhyme
- (d) Clichè

- 2. Do you think poetry can be a tool of rebellion ?
Justify your answer with examples. 20
- 3. Poetry is a 'spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings'. Explain. 20
- 4. Explain the impact of conversational opening in a poem with examples. 20
- 5. Write a note on the use of metaphors in poetry.
How is a metaphor different from a simile ?
Give examples. 20

Section—B

6. ***Clown in the Moon***

— Dylan Thomas

My tears are like the quiet drift
Of petals from some magic rose;
And all my grief flows from the rift
Of unremembered skies and snows.
I think, that if I touched the earth,
It would crumble;
It is so sad and beautiful,
So tremulously like a dream.

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- (i) The first two lines contain a simile. Locate the simile and explain the meaning. 5
- (ii) Explain the line 'If I touched the earth, it would crumble' in the context of the poet's mood. 10
- (iii) Identify the rhyme scheme and comment on the difference in the two stanzas. 5

7. *Punishment in Kindergarten*

— Kamala Das

The words are muffled now, the laughing
Faces only a blur. The years have
sped along, stopping briefly.
At beloved hath and moving
sadly on. My mind has found
An adult peace. No need to remember
That picnic day when I lay hidden
By a hedge, watching the steel-white sun
standing lonely in the sky.

- (a) Is this a romantic poem on childhood nostalgia ? Give reasons. 5

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- (b) What does “ The steel-white sun standing lonely in the sky” evoke ? Give a reasoned answer. 10
- (c) Comment upon the meter and style. 5

8. *Adman*

—Saleem Peeradina

Give us more of the things we could do without
Give us less of the things we cannot do without
give us NEW bread
give us fresh-looking complexions
give us last year's beans in contemporary tins
give us unheard of energy.
yap about OUR industries
tell us the hidden truth about fertilizers
give us the reliable slogan to plan babies
make brassieres lyrical
give us shirts but
give us more short-oriented girls
give us improved headache cough period pills
give us the unknown prehistory of success

give us everlasting instalments

give us the COMPLETE neighbour

oh give us needs suitably renamed

adman go sell yourself a disinfectant.

- (a) Comment on the tone of the poem. 5
- (b) Explain the title in the context of the poem. 5
- (c) What is the purpose of repeated phrase like 'give us' ? 5
- (d) Comment on the style and verse form of the poem. 5

9. Write a poem on any **one** of the following topics (15-20 lines) : 20

- (a) A Summer Afternoon
- (b) A Busride
- (c) An Old Woman
- (d) An Embrace