

2018

(2nd Semester)

ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Paper No. : ELENG-202

(Poetry and Applied Language Skills)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 54)

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer the following questions : 10×4=40

(a) (i) *Sailing to Byzantium* is about the state of the poet's soul searching for a spiritual life through a journey. Explain.

Or

(ii) How does the poet explore Prufrock's personal dilemma in the poem, *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*?

(2)

(b) (i) In *September 1, 1939* the poet reflects the mood of Europe on the eve of World War II bringing out the war hysteria. Explain.

Or

(ii) How does the poet reminisce on his childhood experiences in the poem, *Fern Hill*?

(c) (i) *An Introduction* is about gender inequality in a male dominated society, where specific roles are assigned to women, denying them equal partnership. Explain.

Or

(ii) How does the poet narrate his self-conflict in the poem, *Still Another View of Grace*?

(d) (i) Bring out the central idea of the poem, *In Paths Untrodden*.

Or

(ii) Attempt a critical appreciation of Frost's poem, *Spring Pools*.

2. Read the following passage and paraphrase it in your own words :

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As the earth's natural resources are rapidly dwindling and our environment is being

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increasingly degraded by human activities, it is evident that something needs to be done. We often feel that managing all these is something that the government should do. But if we continue to endanger our environment, there is no way by which the government can perform all these clean-up functions. Just as for any disease, prevention is better than cure, protecting our environment is economically more viable than cleaning it up once it is damaged. Individually, we can play a major role in environment management. We can reduce wastage of natural resources and we can act as watchdogs that inform the government about sources that lead to pollution and degradation of the environment. This can be made possible through public awareness. Mass media such as newspapers, television and internet can strongly influence public opinion and every individual is responsible for spreading this message to as many people as possible. (162 words)

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 16)

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Answer the following questions :

2×8=16

1. What is an old man compared to in the poem, *Sailing to Byzantium*?

(2)

2. How does Prufrock cover up his middle-aged appearance?

3. Why did Auden say that after the war experience the role of the poet was extremely difficult?

4. What message does Dylan Thomas convey to his readers from the poem, *Fern Hill*?

5. What advices did Kamala Das receive when she ignored her womanliness?

6. What temptation did A. K. Ramanujan encounter?

7. What kind of life does Walt Whitman want to live?

(5)

8. What power does the trees have on the spring pools?

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