

**2023**

**( 2nd Semester )**

**ELECTIVE ENGLISH**

**Paper : El Eng-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) Examine the major themes of W. B. Yeats' poem, *Sailing to Byzantium*.**

**Or**

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



- (b) (i) Give a critical appreciation of Auden's *September 1, 1939*.

Or

- (ii) Discuss the portrayal of Nature by the poet in *Fern Hill*.

- (c) (i) Do you agree that *An Introduction* is about gender inequality in a male dominated society? Give reasons for your answer.

Or

- (ii) Elucidate on how the poem, *Still Another View of Grace* brings out the theme of self-conflict.

- (d) (i) Comment on Whitman's determination to break free from the traditional social norms in *In Paths Untrodden*.

Or

- (ii) Discuss on the central idea of the poem, *Spring Pools*.

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

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The term 'soft skills' refers to a group of skills and personal qualities that present-day employers look for and value in

their employees. Soft skills relate to excellent communication skills, both spoken and written, positive personality traits, social skills and personal attitudes. In this sense, soft skills complement hard skills, which have to do the technical requirements of a job. Hence, you may have the right professional qualifications, be academically brilliant and perhaps even have the required work experience, but you will be successful in an organization only if you know, for example, how to work as part of a team or how to get along with both your senior and junior colleagues. In other words, soft skills are all about how you deal with people. They are very important in the present-day professional context that requires constant interaction and communication. Thus, it is not surprising that very often, an interviewer talking to two different candidates with equally impressive CVs decides in favour of one who seems relaxed, open, friendly and well-adjusted.

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( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )

( Marks : 16 )

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Answer the following questions :

2×8=16

1. Give two images of the poet during his days at the farm in *Fern Hill*.

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

3. Why does Whitman decide to reveal his secret to every man?

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4. How does W. H. Auden describe the atmosphere of the September night?



5. Who are the 'categorizers'? Why did they tell her to 'fit in'?



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

7. Explain "These flowery waters and these watery flowers".

8. What prayer does Yeats make to the sages?

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