

FIRST SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2017

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 1B 01/DMENG 1B 01—READING POETRY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

- 1 _____ is a lyric poem consisting of 31 Syllables arranged in lines of 5, 7, 5, 7, and 7 syllables.
(a) Tanka. (b) Sonnet.
(c) Lyric. (d) Haiku.
- 2 Whom does D.H. Lawrence call the "Winged Victory" ?
(a) Monsieur. (c) Phantom.
(b) Heron. (d) Mosquito.
- 3 The poem '*The Man with the Hoe*' draws inspiration from an oil painting by _____.
(a) Jean-Francois Millet. (b) Ezra Pound.
(c) Millais. (d) Rossetti.
- 4 Birch swinging was a popular game for children in rural areas of _____.
(a) America. (b) New England.
(c) Chicago. (d) Washington.
- 5 *Bosom Friend* is the English translation of Bansode's Marathi poem _____.
(a) *Sakhi*. (b) *Mitru*.
(c) *Sthree*. (d) *Snehita*.
- 6 What is the metaphor used by Maya Angelou to express the African American's intense longing for freedom.
(a) Black man. (b) National flag.
(c) Caged Bird. (d) Revolution.
- 7 *General, Your Tank* is :
(a) Technical poem. (b) Anti-war poem.
(c) War poem. (d) Love poem.

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- 8 The poem 'The Laboratory' is in the form of :
- (a) Soliloquy. (b) Epic.
(c) Ode. (d) Dramatic monologue.
- 9 "The paths of glory lead but to the ————" ?
- (a) Heaven. (b) Grave.
(c) Stars. (d) Luxury.
- 10 The Man with the Hoe is a symbol of ————.
- (a) The protector. (b) The powerful.
(c) The oppressor. (d) The downtrodden.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer in a sentence or two any *ten* questions :

- 11 What is Haiku ?
- 12 What is the fact that the poet admit in the poem *Longing* ?
- 13 Why did Byron feel very disappointed at the time of parting ?
- 14 Why doesn't Margaret believe in ghosts ?
- 15 What is the great message of the urn to mankind ?
- 16 What intentions must have prompted the chemist to prepare the poison according to the speaker's wish ?
- 17 What is the context of reference to Hampden, Milton and Cromwell ?
- 18 "Tonight I can write the saddest lines". Why is this line repeated like a refrain ?
- 19 "Most mothers had long ceased to care". Why ?
- 20 Why does Brecht think that the General's bomber is powerful ?
- 21 What is the theme of 'Telephone Conversation' ?
- 22 How does Maya Angelou portray white supremacy in the poem ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words each :

- 23 What is Lyric Poetry ?
- 24 Write a note on Shakespeare's Sonnets.

- 25 What features of Donne's *A Valediction Forbidding Mourning* make it a metaphysical poem ?
- 26 Discuss the special qualities and titles attributed to the mosquito in the poem.
- 27 In *No Tears*, the poet mourns for the lost love rather than the death of his beloved. Do you agree ? Substantiate your answer with reasons.
- 28 Describe the contrasting emotions of elation, frustration and shock as portrayed by Hira Bansode in '*Bosom Friend*'.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words each :

- 29 Compare Elizabeth Barret Browning's *How do I love Thee* with Shakespeare's *Sonnet 116* in style and treatment.
- 30 *Telephone Conversation* is a vehement attack on racial discrimination. Explain.
- 31 Comment on the treatment of themes, such as discrimination, racism, and perseverance in *I Know why the Caged Bird Sings*.
- 32 Examine the dejection of the lover as seen in *Tonight I can write the Saddest Lines*.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)