

B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION MARCH 2018**SEMESTER – 4: ENGLISH (CORE COURSE)****COURSE: 15U4CRENG5: READING POETRY**

Common for Regular (2016 Admission) & Supplementary (2015 Admission)

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

PART AAnswer **all** questions in a word or a sentence. Each question carries **1** mark.

1. What are litotes?
2. What significant event is alluded to indirectly in the opening line of sonnet 146?
3. Comment on the significance of the caesura.
4. Eight lines of iambic pentameter is called.....
5. "Curse, bless, me now with your fierce tears, I pray". Identify the figure of speech employed.
6. What is the theme of the poem "Father Returning Home"?
7. What did the speaker expect in the poem "What I expected was..."?
8. Why does the poet claim that "All's changed since..." he last saw the swans many autumns ago?
9. What transformation have the tulips wrought in the poet?
10. What is an Alexandrine? (1 x 10 = 10)

PART BAnswer **any eight** questions, in two or three sentences. Each question carries **2** marks.

11. What does the poet mean by the line "the fishes turned men and men turned fishes"?
12. Write a short note on the Elegy?
13. What is a theme of "Mending Wall"?
14. Explain the refrain "Rage, rage against the dying of the light" in the poem by Dylan Thomas.
15. What are the defining traits of lyric poetry?
16. Why does the poet say "Tonight I can write the saddest lines"?
17. Why does Wordsworth claim that human life is merely "...a sleep and a forgetting"?
18. What do the 'weak tea and the stale chapatti' signify in the poem, "Father Returning Home"?
19. Who is the outsider the poet refers to in "The Mystic Drum"?
20. Why is the lover reluctant to close his eyes? (2 x 8 = 16)

PART CAnswer **any five** questions, in fifty words. Each question carries **5** marks.

21. How does the poem "Preludes" critique society's lack of values and rootlessness?
22. Write a note on the use of contrast in the poem "Do not go gently into the good night"?
23. What does the poem "Mending Wall" reveal about the poet's attitude to life?

24. Discuss "What I expected was..." as an anthem of the blue collar worker.
25. Write a note on the evolution of young boy from childhood to adulthood in "Little Boy Crying."
26. Comment on the theme of the poem, "I'm Getting Old Now".
27. Comment on the significance of the title, "Preludes". (5 x 5 = 25)

PART D

Answer **any two** in not less than 300 words choosing one from each section.

Each question carries **12** marks.

Section A

28. Write an essay on the figures of speech in poetry.
29. Discuss " Tulips" as an example of Confessional poetry.

Section B

30. Write a critical analysis of the poem given below in about 200 words:

Poem -1

The Red Wheelbarrow

so much depends
upon
a red wheel
barrow
glazed with rain
water
beside the white
chickens

Poem – 2

My Heart Leaps Up

My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:
So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die!
The Child is father of the Man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.

(12 x 2 = 24)