Max. Marks: 75

B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH 2025

SEMESTER 4 : ENGLISH (CORE COURSE)

COURSE : 19U4CRENG5 : READING POETRY

(For Regular 2023 Admission and Improvement / Supplementary 2022/ 2021/2020/2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

PART A

I. Attempt the following questions in a word or a sentence.

- 1. What is a Stave?
- 2. What is Synecdoche?
- 3. Explain the following lines:-And men turned fishes/And things stopped to grow.
- 4. Illustrate what troche is.
- 5. What does the counting of the swans signify in 'The Wild Swans at Coole'?
- 6. The poem says a child is a "Mighty prophet", what does a child foretell?
- 7. What is a Sestina?
- 8. How is the winter evening characterised in "Preludes"?
- 9. "Death is not quite the enemy it was. It is a kind of watching." Explain.
- 10. "Look on my works ye mighty and despair." What does this line from "Ozymandias" mean?

(1 x 10 = 10)

PART B

II. Answer any eight of the following questions, each in two or three sentences.

- 11. What are the characteristics of a Spenserian sonnet?
- 12. Explain Full rhyme.
- 13. Describe the daily routine of the father in 'Father Returning Home'.
- 14. Use of the technique of dream sequence in'I'm Getting Old Now'
- 15. Comment on sonnet 146 as an internal monologue.
- 16. Explain the simile used in the poem for the tasks of mending the wall?
- 17. What were the lover's attitudes towards the sun at the beginning and the end of the poem 'The Sunne Rising'? Why does the attitude change?
- 18. What happened to the duchess in Browning's "My Last Duchess"?
- 19. What is a Metrical tale?
- 20. Illustrate allusion.

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$

PART C

III. Answer any five of the following, each in fifty words.

- 21. How is symbolism used in W. B. Yeats's "The Wild Swans at Coole"?
- 22. Comment on the significance of the title 'I'm Getting Old Now'.
- 23. In first two stanzas of "Ode: On Intimations of Immortality," what is the main conflict the speaker faces?

- 24. Explain the metaphor used Shakespeare's poem to represent soul.
- 25. Explain the extract "Then sing, ye Birds, sing, sing a joyous song!And let the young Lambs bound As to the tabor's sound!"
- 26. Examine the characteristics of poetry.
- 27. Discuss the themes of memory and love in "Tonight I Can Write."

(5 x 5 = 25)

PART D

IV. Answer any two, in not less than 300 words.

- 28. How does Wordsworth's Intimations explore the question of human suffering and/or the speaker's experience of suffering?
- 29. Content and form are perfectly fused in the poem 'The Mystic Drum'. Discuss.
- 30. In what way does "Preludes" by T.S. Eliot critique society's lack of values and rootlessness?
- 31. Write an essay on figures of speech.

(12 x 2 = 24)