

B.A. (Part—I) Semester—I Examination
OPTIONAL SUBJECT
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

UNIT-I

1. Attempt any **four** of the following questions in about **200** words each :

- (i) Explain the Chaucerian stanza.
- (ii) Define the term Lyric. Describe briefly its structure.
- (iii) Describe the salient features of the Idyll with suitable examples.
- (iv) Write a note on the Italian Sonnet.
- (v) Distinguish between subjective and objective poetry.
- (vi) Describe briefly the Ottava Rima.

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UNIT-II

2. (A) Bring out the critical appreciation of 'A Prayer for my Daughter' by W.B. Yeats.

OR

Discuss the theme of exploitation in 'The Chimney-Sweeper' by William Blake.

OR

What is the social message given by Matthew Arnold in his poem 'Dover Beach' ?

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(B) Explain with reference to the context any **two** of the following :

- (i) It was the dancing girl,
starred with jewels,
clouded with a pale-blue mantle,
drunk with the wine of her youth
- (ii) Ah, love, let us be true
To one another!
- (iii) Once more the storm is howling, and half hid
Under this cradle-hood and coverlid
My child sleeps on.
- (iv) The Woodchuck could say whether it's like his
Long sleep, as I describe its coming on,
Or just some human sleep.

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UNIT-III

3. (A) Write short notes on any **three** of the following :

- (i) Style
- (ii) Parody
- (iii) Diction
- (iv) Folklore
- (v) Dramatic Monologue

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- (B) Explain the core tenets of Existentialism.

OR

Write a note on the basic principles of New Criticism.

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UNIT-IV

4. Answer any **two** of the following :

- (i) Bring out the irony in the play, 'While the Auto Waits' by O. Henry
- (ii) Give a brief character sketch of Natalya.
- (iii) How is the institution of marriage presented in the play, 'The Proposal' by Anton Chekhov ?

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UNIT-V

5. Attempt the following by choosing the correct option from those given below. Write complete sentences :

- (i) Sonnet is a short poem of _____ lines expressing one single thought or feeling :
 - (a) Eight
 - (b) Fourteen
 - (c) Six
 - (d) Four
- (ii) Which was not a fit bed for Upaguta, according to the dancing girl ?
 - (a) The dusty earth
 - (b) The city ramparts
 - (c) The platform under the peepul tree
 - (d) The mattress reserved for guests in her house
- (iii) Why is Natalya dressed in her underclothing ?
 - (a) She was taking a nap
 - (b) She was shelling peas for drying
 - (c) She was cutting hay for drying
 - (d) She was threshing grain
- (iv) 'Water, water everywhere, / Not a drop to drink' is an example of _____.
 - (a) Dramatic irony
 - (b) Verbal irony
 - (c) Situational irony
 - (d) Subjective irony
- (v) A lyric is sung to the accompaniment of a _____.
 - (a) Flute
 - (b) Lyre
 - (c) Dulcimer
 - (d) Drum
- (vi) In the poem 'After Apple-Picking', what are the speaker's feelings on the bountiful harvest ?
 - (a) Exhaustion
 - (b) Great joy
 - (c) Sorrow
 - (d) Rage
- (vii) 'The Proposal' is a play written by _____.
 - (a) O. Henry
 - (b) Rabindranath Tagore
 - (c) G.B. Shaw
 - (d) Anton Chekhov
- (viii) A poem delivered as a narrative speech by a character who is not the poet is called _____.
 - (a) Dramatic monologue
 - (b) Petrarchan Sonnet
 - (c) Metaphysical conceit
 - (d) Allegory

- (ix) Tom's head was shaved so that _____.
(a) Soot would not spoil his hair
(b) Other boys would not be jealous of his hair
(c) His hair would stop turning prematurely grey
(d) He would not be bothered by the heat while working
- (x) In the play, 'While the Auto Waits', what does the young man address the girl as, which offends her ?
(a) Rose (b) Sweetheart
(c) Darling (d) Honeysuckle
- (xi) The term 'rasa' was first used in _____.
(a) Panchatantra (b) Hitopadesha
(c) Sama Veda (d) Natyashastra
- (xii) The Ottava Rima was introduced into England by _____.
(a) John Keats (b) Sir Thomas Wyatt
(c) Shelley (d) Lord Byron
- (xiii) 'Dover Beach' is a poem written by _____.
(a) Rabindranath Tagore (b) W.B. Yeats
(c) Matthew Arnold (d) Robert Frost
- (xiv) In the play, 'While the Auto Waits', what is the girl doing at the park ?
(a) Reading (b) Watching people
(c) Gathering (d) Watching birds
- (xv) _____ is considered as the father of Existentialism.
(a) Soren Kierkegaard (b) Jean-Paul Sartre
(c) Gabriel Marcel (d) Fyodor Dostoevsky
- (xvi) In the poem, 'A Prayer for my Daughter', what does the speaker want his daughter to learn most of all ?
(a) Kindness (b) Art and Mathematics
(c) Courtesy (d) Honesty

