

AU-2021

B.A. (Part-I) Semester-I Examination

ENGLISH LITERATURE

(Optional Subject)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note :— All questions are compulsory.

UNIT-I

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

- (i) What are the chief characteristics of an Epic ?
- (ii) Describe the Heroic Couplet.
- (iii) Write a note on the Shakespearean Sonnet.
- (iv) What are the features of Subjective Poetry ?
- (v) Explain briefly the Dorian or Pindaric Ode.
- (vi) What is the Spenserian Stanza ? Why is it called so ?

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UNIT-II

2. (A) Describe Upagupta, the great disciple of Buddha.

OR

What is the speaker's state of mind in Robert Frost's poem, "After Apple - Picking".

OR

What is the theme of William Blake's poem, 'The Chimney-Sweeper' ?

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

- (i) Sophocles long ago
Heard it on the Aegean, and it brought
Into his mind the turbid ebb and flows of human misery.

- (ii) Essence of winter sleep is on the night.
The scent of apples; I am drowsing off.
- (iii) Helen being chosen found life flat and dull
And later had much trouble from a fool,
While that great Queen, that rose out of the spray,
Being fatherless could have her way
Yet chose a bandy-legged Smith for man.
- (iv) And by came an Angel who had a bright key,
And he opened the coffins and set them all free
Then down a green plain, leaping,
laughing they run,
And wash in a river and shine in the sun.

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UNIT-III

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

- (i) Comedy
- (ii) Poetic Justice
- (iii) Pathos
- (iv) Allegory
- (v) Blank verse.

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(B) What are the salient features of New Criticism ?

OR

Explain Bharata's 'Rasa Theory' in your own words.

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UNIT-IV

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

- (i) Justify in brief the title of the play "The Proposal".
- (ii) Write a note on the climax of the play "While the Auto Waits" by O. Henry.
- (iii) Give a brief character sketch of Lomov.

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UNIT-V

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

- (i) A poem can be broadly divided into _____ kinds of subject matter :
 - (a) one
 - (b) two
 - (c) three
 - (d) four
- (ii) In the poem 'After Apple-Picking' _____ made the speaker drowsy.
 - (a) The scent of cider
 - (b) The scent of apples
 - (c) The fragrance of vanilla
 - (d) Wood smoke
- (iii) Why has Lomov come to Chubukov's house ?
 - (a) To propose to his daughter
 - (b) To borrow their threshing machine
 - (c) To claim the Oxen Meadows
 - (d) For a neighbourly chat
- (iv) Three-quarters of English poetry is written in :
 - (a) Iambic pentameter
 - (b) Rhyming couplets
 - (c) Blank verse
 - (d) Free verse
- (v) A lyric has its origin in _____.
 - (a) Greek
 - (b) Latin
 - (c) English
 - (d) Spanish
- (vi) Where was Upagupta sleeping ?
 - (a) On a beach near Mathura
 - (b) Inside the city of Mathura
 - (c) Beside the city wall of Mathura
 - (d) To the left of the ramparts of Mathura
- (vii) Natalya and Lomov quarrel about Guess and Squeezer. What are these ?
 - (a) Names of fields
 - (b) Names of dogs
 - (c) Names of meadows
 - (d) Names of their servants
- (viii) In the end, the evil characters are punished and the virtuous characters are rewarded. What is this narrative technique called ?
 - (a) Metaphysical conceit
 - (b) Irony
 - (c) Poetic licence
 - (d) Poetic justice

- (ix) The heroic couplet was first used in England by _____.
 (a) Marlow (b) Shakespeare
 (c) Chaucer (d) Alexander Pope
- (x) What did Tom dream of ?
 (a) His parents
 (b) Several boys like him locked up in coffins
 (c) Becoming the President of USA
 (d) Being set free from the hard labour of chimney-sweeping
- (xi) The girl in the play 'while the Auto waits' does not want to read because _____.
 (a) Her book is boring (b) The light is too poor to read
 (c) She is illiterate (d) She soon has to leave the park
- (xii) What does 'rasa' mean ?
 (a) Taste (b) Smell
 (c) Juice (d) Feel
- (xiii) In the poem, 'Dover Beach' _____ is compared to a bright girdle round the earth.
 (a) The night wind (b) The beaches of the world
 (c) The naked pebbles on the shores (d) Religious faith
- (xiv) The poem, 'A Prayer for my daughter' is written by _____.
 (a) Rabindranath Tagore (b) W. B. Yeats
 (c) Robert Frost (d) Matthew Arnold
- (xv) _____ is a method advocated by New Critics :
 (a) Reading with socio-political context
 (b) Reading as per the author's intention
 (c) Close reading
 (d) Speed reading
- (xvi) In the play : While the Auto Waits, what profession does the young man claim to have ?
 (a) Professional bartender (b) Cashier at a restaurant
 (c) Lifeguard and coach (d) Deep-sea diving instructor