

2016

(2nd Semester)

ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Paper No. : El Eng-202

(Poetry and Applied Language Skills)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 54)

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer the following questions : 10×4=40

(a) (i) *Sailing to Byzantium* is about the state of the poet's soul. Discuss.

Or

(ii) Do you agree with the view that *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock* is a record of broken dreams and 'might-have-beens'? Give reasons.

- (b) (i) Analyze the poem, *September 1, 1939* as an expression of despair and a sense of personal bewilderment.

Or

- (ii) Dylan Thomas makes an adult interpretation of his childhood experiences in the poem, *I'm Hill*. Elucidate.

- (c) (i) Examine the poem, *An Introduction* as a critique of gender inequality.

Or

- (ii) Study the theme of 'self-conflict' in the poem, *Still Another View of Grace*.

- (d) (i) In the poem, *In Paths Untrodden*, Walt Whitman is determined to break free from the traditional social norms. Comment.

Or

- (ii) Give a critical appreciation of the poem, *Spring Pools*.

2. Read the following passage and paraphrase it in your own words :

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The flow of water has undoubtedly played a great part in geological processes. The same agency, however, under appropriate conditions, can also play a destructive part and wash away the soil. The problem of soil erosion is of major significance in various countries and especially in many parts of India. Soil erosion occurs in successive steps, the earliest of which may easily pass unnoticed. In the later stages, the cutting up and washing away of the earth is only too painfully apparent in the formation of deep gullies and ravines which make all agriculture impossible. Sudden bursts of excessively heavy rain resulting in a large run of surplus water are the principal factors in causing soil erosion. The slope of the land, removal of the natural protective coat of vegetation, the existences of ruts along which the water can flow rapidly gathering momentum, and the absence of any checks of such flow are also causes for soil erosion.

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(Marks : 16)

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Answer the following questions :

2×8=16

1. How does W. H. Auden describe the atmosphere of the September night?

2. What does Kamala Das say about the language she speaks?

3. "Let them think twice before they use their powers."
Who are 'them'? What does the line indicate?

4. How has Dylan Thomas lived for forty-one years?
How does he plan to live?

5. Briefly sketch the farm at night time in *Fern Hill*.

8. What does the line, 'and took her behind the laws of my land' mean?
