

2016

(1st Semester)

GENERAL ENGLISH

Paper No. : ENG (G)-101

(Poetry, Basic English Usages and Language Skills)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 40)

The questions are of equal value

1. (a) Give a critical appreciation of Donne's poem,
Sweetest Love, I do not Goe.

Or

- (b) "Patience is a virtue." Discuss Milton's poem,
On His Blindness in the light of this
statement.

2. (a) Bring out the central idea of the poem, *Youth and Age*.

Or

- (b) *To Autumn* is a poem rich with imagery. Describe how Keats creates beautiful imagery through the use of sights and sounds.

3. (a) What attitude of life is expressed by the mariners in Tennyson's *The Lotos-Eaters*?

Or

- (b) What is a dramatic monologue? Assess Browning's *My Last Duchess* as a dramatic monologue.

4. Write an application along with your CV for the post of a Computer Assistant in Nagaland University.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 30)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—I

(Poetry)

1. Answer the following questions in not more than
40 words each : 2×6=12
- (a) Describe the conceit used by Donne involving
himself and the sun in order to reassure his
beloved of his return.

- (b) (i) According to Pope, where is Man's place in the order of hierarchy or the vast Chain of Being?

Or

- (ii) "They also serve who only stand and wait."
What does Milton mean by this?

- (c) To what does Wordsworth compare the song of the Highland Lass?

- (d) (i) How is Autumn personified in the poem,
To Autumn?

Or

- (ii) Why does the poet call youth a 'masker
bold' in the poem, *Youth and Age*?

- (e) How does the speaker describe the strange land in *The Lotos-Eaters*?

- (f) (i) Why did the Duke disapproves of the behaviour of his Last Duchess?

Or

- (ii) Why does the poet use the metaphor 'sea of faith' in *Dover Beach*? What does it symbolize?

SECTION—II

(Grammar and Usage)

2. Correct the following sentences : 1+1=2
- (a) Neither of the two men were strong.
- (b) One of my best friend is leaving for Delhi.
3. Transform the following sentences as directed : 1×3=3
- (a) His silence proves his guilt.
(Change into complex sentence)
- (b) This portrait is very colourful.
(Change into exclamatory sentence)
- (c) Give the order.
(Change into passive voice)

4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$$

(a) Distribute these sweets the children.

(b) My vacation begins
December.

(c) I am afraid
snakes.

(d) Do not cry split
milk.

5. Replace the adjectives in the following sentences with adjective phrases : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(a) They walked along a muddy road.

(b) I knew that he was a sensible man.

(c) It is useless.

(d) He is a professional cricketer.

6. Replace the adverbial phrases in the following sentences with adverbs : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(a) The wind blew with great violence.

(b) The arrow fell on this spot.

(c) The rain fell in a gentle manner.

(d) They worked in a cheerful way.

7. Name the tense of the following sentences : 1×3=3

(a) My watch keeps good time.

(b) I have been looking for you since morning.

(c) There will be another conference next month.

8. Answer any *two* of the following in brief :

2×2

(a) Write on the three types of note-taking.

(b) Write the difference between assignment writing and research paper.

- (c) Give one example each of MLA style and APA style of bibliography.