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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
APRIL 2021**

English

ENG 2B 02—APPRECIATING POETRY

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A***Answer at least ten questions.**Each question carries 3 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall Ceiling 30.*

1. Explain the closing lines of the poem “Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer’s Day”.
2. What are the meanings of the word ‘Talent’ in Milton’s poem ?
3. Who prompted Dylan Thomas to write the poem ?
4. Why should the parting couple ‘melt’ and make no noise ?
5. Explain the phrase ‘long childhood afternoons’.
6. Why does the narrator say he can write the saddest lines ?
7. Why is the title of the poem “Without Title” ironic ?
8. What are the different things on which one can get drunk ?
9. What effect does the series of questions create ?
10. How did the grandmother receive Bassy Ikpi when she returned ?
11. Who are the men who have been seduced by the fairy ?
12. Why does Auden say “He disappeared in the dead of winter” ?
13. What is the significance of the allusion to Neptune taming a sea horse in “My Last Duchess” ?
14. What is elegy ?
15. Explain the term Oxymoron with examples.

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

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**Section C**

*Answer at least five questions.*

*Each question carries 6 marks.*

*All questions can be attended.*

*Overall Ceiling 30.*

16. Discuss the significance of the title "The Layers".
17. What are the different roles the lover in the poem "I'm Your Man" is willing to take on to satisfy his beloved ?
18. Summarize the pieces of advice given by the poet to those who will serve time in prison.
19. The myths associated with the stonemasons.
20. How does the poem "Essay on Man" vindicate the ways of God to man ?
21. Analyze "Homeward" as a lament on diminished cultures.
22. Consider Milton's poem as a crisis poem.
23. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem "I Died for Beauty" by Dickinson :

I died for beauty, but was scarce  
Adjusted in the tomb,  
When one who died for truth was lain  
In an adjoining room.

He questioned softly why I failed ?  
"For beauty," I replied.  
"And I for truth - the two are one ;  
We brethren are," he said.

And so, as kinsmen met a-night,  
We talked between the rooms,  
Until the moss had reached our lips,  
And covered up our names.

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

**Section C**

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 10 marks.*

24. "In Memory of W.B. Yeats" is not just about Yeats. It is about poetry and poets. Discuss.
25. Discuss "My Last Duchess" as a dramatic monologue.
26. "Mother to Son" is about endurance of human spirit. Discuss.
27. "Anniversaries of war" fuses personal memory and collective history. Comment.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)