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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
APRIL 2022**

English

ENG 2B 02—APPRECIATING POETRY

(2019—2020 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences (2 marks each) :

- 1 How does Shakespeare differentiate between the summer in nature and the summer of youth in his beloved ?
- 2 Explain the title of Keats's poem *La Belle Dame Sans Merci*. How is it relevant to the poem ?
- 3 How does Shelley compare the lark to a maiden ?
- 4 What is Yeats's remark on the social significance of poetry ?
- 5 How, according to Dylan Thomas, do 'wild men' approach death ?
- 6 What does the Duke show the envoy in *My Last Duchess* ? What does this reveal about his character ?
- 7 Why did Donne employ the image of gold in *A Valediction : Forbidding Mourning* ?
- 8 How does Rilke describe the atmosphere at school in "Childhood" ? How does this contribute to the overall effect of the poem ?
- 9 Why does Nazim Hikmet say that a prisoner lives a dual life ?
- 10 What was Harlem Renaissance ?
- 11 Why does the narrator in Dhasal's poem say that stonemasons give dream to stones ?
- 12 Who was Shmuel Ha- Nagid ?
- 13 What is Alliteration ? Give examples.
- 14 What is a Lyric ? Give examples.
- 15 What is an Elegy ? Give examples.

(Ceiling 25 marks)

Turn over

II. Answer the following questions in *a paragraph* (5 marks each) :

- 16 How does the woman lure the knight in “La Belle Dame Sans Merci” ?
- 17 How does Dylan Thomas describe the way different people approach death ?
- 18 How does Pope argue that perfection is relative ?
- 19 How does Rilke describe the feelings of a child inside and outside the school ?
- 20 How does Langston Hughes employ the image of a stair in “Mother to Son” ?
- 21 The sense of loss expressed by the speaker in “Without Title”.
- 22 What is the narrator’s attitude towards war in “Anniversaries of War” ?
- 23 How does Blessy Ikpi describe her alienation from her native culture ?

(Ceiling 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* of the four questions in an essay :

- 24 Shelley’s description of the power of nature to inspire and delight the human spirit in “To a Skylark”.
- 25 The spirit of life expressed in “Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night”.
- 26 The character of the Duke in “My Last Duchess”.
- 27 The themes of loss and transformation in the poem “Layers”.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)