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B. A. 5th Semester English (Hons.)
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Examination – November, 2017

ENGLISH POETRY (1798-1914)

Paper : XXII

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Before answering the questions, candidates should ensure that they have been supplied the correct and complete question paper. No complaint in this regard, will be entertained after examination.

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Explain with reference to the context any *two* of the following : $2 \times 8 = 16$

(a) Milton ! thou shouldst be living at this hour :
England hath need of thee : She is fen
of stagnant waters : altar, Sword and pen,
fireside, the heroic wealth of hall and bower,
Have forfeited their ancient English dower
of inward happiness. We are selfish men;

✓ (b) And on that cheek, and O'er that brow,
So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,
That smiles win, the tint that glow,
But tell of days in goodness spent,
A mind at peace with all below,
A heart whose love is innocent !

(c) With shivering heart the strife we saw
Of passion with eternal law;
And yet with reverential awe
We watched the fount of fiery life
Which served for that titanic strife.

✓ 2. Answer any *eight* of the following questions :

8 × 2 = 16

✓ (i) What is the idea of beauty in 'She Walks in Beauty' ?

✓ (ii) Who is personified in 'To Autumn' and as whom ?

✓ (iii) What was the state of England in 1819 ?

✓ (iv) Who is the poet of 'Porphyria's lover' ?

(v) What is the music of autumn in 'To Autumn' ?

(vi) What is the meaning of La Belle Dame Sans Merci in the poem "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" ?

(vii) In which poem does Mathew Arnold talk about Wordsworth, Byron and Goethe ?

(viii) Who is addressed as 'O Sylvan Wye !' by Wordsworth ?

(ix) Is Arnold a pessimist in 'Dover Beach' ? How ?

(x) What is the 'vain belief' mentioned by Wordsworth ?

(xi) Mention two features of dramatic monologue. Is 'My last Duchess' a dramatic monologue ?

(xii) What is an Ode ? Justify 'Ode to West Wind' as an Ode.

3. Discuss poetic imagination of Wordsworth in his poem "Lines Written in Early Spring". Is it autobiographical ? Discuss egotistical sublime of Wordsworth here.

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OR

What is Synesthesia ? How is it picturized in 'To Autumn' ? Discuss in detail the stimulation to various senses and also the personification of season.

4. Compare 'Ode to West Wind' to Keatsian Ode 'To Autumn'. Highlight the similarities and contrast of both. 16

OR

Discuss in detail the romantic features of 'She Walks in Beauty'. What kind of similies, metaphors are used ? How do they enhance the effect of presentation ?

5. Discuss Optimism of Browning. How does this optimism creep in 'My last Duchess' ? Does the poem qualify the standards of 'Dramatic monologue' ? 16

OR

Arnold hailed poetry as 'Something which sustains consoles and interprets life for us'. Discuss 'Dover Beach' in light of this definition.