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B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2017

Fourth Semester

B.A. English

Core Course: READING POETRY

[Common for all B.A. English Programmes]

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Part A

Answer all questions in one or two sentences.

Each has 1 mark.

- 1. How does Donne celebrate the supreme reality of love in The Sun Rising?
- 2. What is a pastoral elegy?
- 3. How did the Duka put an and to his wife's habit of showing gratitude to everyone irrespective of the rank or position of the person?
- 4. What is the Forbidden Trees in The Invocation refer to?
- 5. What does the father dreams of in Father Returning Home?
- 6. What is the theme of the poem "Late Tutorial"?
- 7. What is Dylan Thomas view of writing poetry?
- 8. What is metaphor?
- 9. What happened after the drum stopped beating in the 'Mystic Drum'?
- 10. What is inner enrichment given prime importance by Shakespeare?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Part B

Answer any eight of the following questions each in about 50 words. Each has 2 marks.

- 11. What is Whitman's view of death expressed in the poem Gods?
- 12. What were the rumours about the lost scholar in 'The Scholar Gipsy'?
- 13. Explain the lines and men turned fishes and things stopped to grow.
- 14. "Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting". What does the poet mean?

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- 15. Why is the lover reluctant to close his eyes in The Sunne Rising?
- 16. What message does Buckley convey through his poem?
- 17. What do weak tea and stale chapati signify in Father Returning Home.
- 18. Why does Magas long for another death?
- 19. What is free verse?
- 20. Explain the title of the poem 'My Craft or Sullen Art'.
- 21. What are the major themes that Walcott explores in the poem The Sea Chantey?
- 22. Why is the fisherman's house compared to a wound in "Hunger".

 $(8 \times 2 = 16)$

Part C

Answer any six questions in a paragraph of 100 words each. Each has 4 marks.

- 23. Consider the poem 'Ode on the Death of a Favourite Cat as a mock-heroic poem.
- 24. Explain the stylistic excellence of the poem 'Venice'.
- 25. Explain the different forms of Stanza.
- 26. What is the significance of the images used in where are the woods, children?
- 27. How do the tulips disturb the poetess?
- 28. What is Alliteration? Explain with examples.
- 29. Consider 'Hunger' as a realistic portrayal of a social reality.
- 30. Consider Late Tutorial as an academic poem.
- 31. Write a short essay on rythm and meter in poetry.

 $(6\times 4=24)$

Part D

Answer two of the following in essay form of about 300 words each.

Each question carries 15 marks.

- 32. Write an essay on major poetic genres.
- 33. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'The Mystic Drams'.
- 34. Describe how "The invocation" Successfully reveal the central theme and other features of the epic "Paradise Lost".
- 35. Discuss 'My Last Duchess' as a dramatic monologue.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$