Ba/El Eng-202

2021

(2nd Semester)

ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Paper: El Eng-202

(Poetry and Applied Language Skills)

Full Marks: 70 Pass Marks: 45%

Time: 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(*Marks* : 54)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

- **1.** Answer the following questions: $10 \times 4 = 40$
 - (a) (i) How does Yeats explore the relationship between old age and art in the poem, Sailing to Byzantium?

Or

(ii) How does *The Love Song of J. Alfred*Prufrock reflect the predicament of the modern man?

(2)

(b) (i) Elaborate on the symbols used in September 1, 1939.

Or

- (ii) Give a critical analysis of *Fern Hill* as a poem filled with intensely lyrical language and rich metaphorical descriptions.
- (c) (i) Bring out the biographical elements in Kamala Das' poem, An Introduction.

Or

- (ii) Examine the tension between lust and restrain in the poem, Still another View of Grace.
- (d) (i) What does the title of the poem encapsulate in *In Paths Untrodden*?

Or

- (ii) The passage of time is evoked in the poem, *Spring Pools*. Discuss.
- **2.** Read the following passage and paraphrase it in your own words :

"Honesty is telling the truth to other people, and integrity is telling the truth to myself." This famous saying describes integrity 14

in a perfect manner. Integrity is the completeness one feels when he leads an honest and moral life. Integrity is wisely choosing between what is right and wrong. If a person has nothing else, he can always feel proud of his integrity. Integrity helps a person to make trustworthy bonds with people around him. Integrity is not something one can purely teach to others. It is more of a virtue that comes from within a person. Integrity is something a man needs to be proud of because it is a valuable possession no one can take away from him. Integrity means being honest and authentic to oneself and following a strict set of rules. Without integrity, the world would be merely superficial.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(*Marks*: 16)

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Answer the following questions:

 $2 \times 8 = 16$

- 1. How does Yeats describe an aged man?
- **2.** Is the poem, *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock* a love song? Why?
- **3.** What does 'the strength of collective man' refer to in *September 1, 1939*?
- **4.** What kinds of experience does Dylan Thomas recount in *Fern Hill*?

- 5. How important is 'human speech' for Kamala Das?
- **6.** What does the line, "I shudder to the bone at hungers that roam the street" mean?
- **7.** Does the poet struggle with 'conformities' in the poem, *In Paths Untrodden*?
- **8.** What is the role of the trees in *Spring Pools*?
