

2016

ENGLISH

( General )

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

[ English (Major) students shall answer Question Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6, while other students shall answer Question Nos. 1 to 5 ]

1. (a) Critically assess Blake's treatment of the idea of innocence in the poem, *The Lamb*. 10
- Or
- (b) Draw a picture of dawn at Puri as portrayed in Mahapatra's poem, *Dawn at Puri*. 10
- Or
- (c) Discuss the major theme of the poem, *Harlem*. 10
2. (a) How does the poet describe the punishment of the girl in the poem, *Punishment*? What is the poet's reaction to the punishment? 6+4=10

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Or

- (b) Give a description of the solitary reaper's song. What was its effect on the poet? 7+3=10

Or

- (c) Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem, *This Is a Photograph of Me*. 10

3. Answer any two of the following : 5×2=10

- (a) Examine Wole Soyinka's treatment of racism in his poem, *Telephone Conversation*.

- (b) What are the probable themes of the song of the solitary reaper?

- (c) What does the poet mean when he says  
"Maybe it just sags  
like a heavy load  
Or does it explode"?

- (d) How does Heaney comment on the culture and human nature of Ireland through the poem, *Punishment*?

4. Answer the following as directed (any five) : 1×5=5

- (a) He went to Kolkata yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_

(Add a tag question)

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- (b) Please open the door, \_\_\_\_\_

(Add a tag question)

- (c) There is \_\_\_\_\_ hourly bus service on this route.

(Fill with appropriate determiner)

- (d) Saswati was adjudged \_\_\_\_\_ best debater.

(Fill with appropriate determiner)

- (e) I found \_\_\_\_\_ one rupee coin on the road.

(Fill with appropriate determiner)

- (f) Sudip is reading a novel.

(Change into passive voice)

- (g) Let the work be done without delay.

(Change into active voice)

5. Change the form of narration (any five) : 1×5=5

- (a) He said, "Alas! The man is dead."

- (b) Utpal said, "Let us play cricket."

- (c) I asked Rishav, "What are you going to do with your old guitar?"

- (d) Bubul asked me if I could swim.

- (e) She told me that she wanted to go with me.
- (f) Shweta requested me to give her a glass of water.
- (g) Dev advised me not to go to the market after dark.

6. For English (Major) students in lieu of Question Nos. 4 and 5. Answer any one : 10

- (a) What is the central theme of *The Sleepwalkers' Ballad*? Discuss.
- (b) Critically comment on Agha Shahid Ali's treatment of loss and longing in the poem, *Postcard from Kashmir*.

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