

2018

CBCS

1st Semester

ENGLISH

PAPER—DSC-1AT

(General)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Poetry and Short Story

1. Attempt any *two* questions : 2×10

(a) Discuss Shakespeare as a poet of love with reference to Sonnet No -116.

(b) Write a note on Owen's attitude to war as revealed in 'Strange Meeting'.

(c) Bring out the elements of humour in Lamb's essay "Dream Children : A Reverie".

(d) Justify the title of H.E. Bate's short story 'The Ox'.

2. Explain any *four* questions :

4×5

(a) 'It was a vehicle of necessity. Her relationship to it was that of beast to a cart'.

(b) 'We are nothing; less than nothing, and dreams'.

(c) 'And by his smile, I knew that sullen hall
By his dead smile I knew we stood in hell'.

(d) 'She seemed a thing that could not feel'.

(e) 'And watching with eternal lids apart,
Like Nature's Patient sleepless Eremite'.

(f) 'If this be error and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved'.

3. Answer any ten questions :

10×2

- (a) 'Let us sleep now'—what does the word 'sleep' signify in Wilfred Owen's 'Strange Meeting'?
- (b) What does the dead man mean when he refers to 'the wildest beauty in the world'?
- (c) 'Love is not love when it alteration finds'.—What is meant by the remark?
- (d) "It is the star to every wandering bark".—What is compared to the star and in what context? What is meant by 'wandering bark'?
- (e) What is the meaning of marriage in the first line of Shakespeare's Sonnet No-116?
- (f) What kind of poem is 'Bright Star' by John Keats?
- (g) What is meant by 'earth's human shores' in Keats' 'Bright Star'?
- (h) What does the word 'slumber' refer to in the first line of Wordsworth's poem 'A Slumber did my spirit seal'?
- (i) What is meant by 'human fears' in Wordsworth's poem 'A Slumber did my spirit seal'?

- (j) What did Mrs. Thurlow do on Saturdays and Sundays?
 - (k) What was Mrs. Thurlow's aim regarding her sons?
 - (l) What did Mrs. Thurlow dream about the bicycle?
 - (m) How does Lamb record Alice's reactions to his story-telling in 'Dream Children : A Reverie'?
 - (n) Whom does Lamb refer to as 'faithful Bridget'?
 - (o) Why is the essay 'Dream Children' called a 'reverie'?
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