

**B.A. Semester-I (General) Examination, 2017 (CBCS)**

**Subject : English**

**Paper : CC-1/GE-1**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 60**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

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

**Section-A**

**Poetry**

1. Answer *any five* of the following questions: 2×5=10
- (a) Who is the 'she' referred to in the poem *A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal*?
  - (b) Why could 'she' not feel 'the touch of earthly years'?
  - (c) What does the poet mean by the word 'impediments' in Sonnet 116?
  - (d) What is called 'an ever-fixed mark' in Shakespeare's Sonnet 116?
  - (e) Who is called 'Nature's patient, sleepless Eremite' in 'Bright Star' and why?
  - (f) What is meant by 'priest-like task' in Keats's 'Bright Star'?
  - (g) What is meant by 'titanic wars' in 'Strange Meeting'?
  - (h) What is the image suggested in 'sweet wells' in 'Strange Meeting'?
2. Answer *any two* of the following questions: 5×2=10
- (a) 'It is the star to every wandering bark'.—Explain.
  - (b) Why does Keats say 'or else swoon to death'?
  - (c) What is the significance of the title 'Strange Meeting'?
3. Answer *any one* question: 10×1=10
- (a) Attempt a critical appreciation of Wordsworth's poem 'A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal'.
  - (b) Consider Keats's 'Bright Star' as a love-sonnet.

**Section-B**

**Essay and Short Story**

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions: 2×5=10
- (a) What was the narrator's feeling in 'Dream Children' when he saw the old busts of the twelve Caesars?

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- (b) Who attended the funeral of Mrs Field? Why was Mrs Field popular?
- (c) What fruits, trees and fish did the narrator see in the garden of the great house in Norfolk?
- (d) Who is 'Lady C'?
- (e) Who would you consider as the minor characters in 'The Ox'?
- (f) Where did the Thurlows live?
- (g) How did Mrs Thurlow react to the hanging of her husband?

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

- (a) "We are not of Alice, nor of thee, nor are we children at all".—Elucidate.
- (b) "I missed his kindness, and I missed his crossness, and wished him to be alive again ....."  
—Explain.
- (c) What was the daily routine of Mrs Thurlow? What was her only mode of relaxation?

6. Answer any one question: 10×1=10

- (a) Give an account of the autobiographical elements in 'Dream Children : A Reverie'.
- (b) Justify the title of the short story 'The Ox'.

Section-B

Essay and Short Story