

B.A. 1st Semester (General) Examination, 2022 (CBCS)

Subject : English

Course : GE-1/CC-1A/CC-2A

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.*

1. Answer *any six* of the following questions: 5×6=30
- (a) Write a short note on the blend of humour and pathos in "Dream Children".
 - (b) "I mean the truth untold, / The pity of war, the pity war distilled" — Explain with reference to the context.
 - (c) Write a note on the title of the short story "The Ox".
 - (d) Explain the line — "And to live ever — or else swoon to death."
 - (e) Why is the meeting between the two soldiers called 'strange' in "Strange Meeting"?
 - (f) What is the distinctive feature of Shakespeare's sonnet 116 in respect of theme and structure?
 - (g) How does the poet console himself when Lucy becomes motionless?
 - (h) Briefly describe Mrs. Thurlow as a tragic character.
2. Answer *any three* of the following questions: 10×3=30
- (a) Make a critical analysis of the poem "Bright Star" with the interpretation of the various images in the poem.
 - (b) Discuss the theme and idea of the short poem "A slumber did my spirit seal".
 - (c) Explain the title of the essay "Dream Children". Is it a reverie?
 - (d) Comment on the theme, structure and imagery of Shakespeare's sonnet 116.
 - (e) Consider "The Ox" as a short story.