

THE UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN
B.A. Semester VI (General) Examination 2020 (CBCS)

Subject: English

Paper: GE-2

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: 5X6=30
 - a. Discuss how Hopkins highlights the fragility of the natural world in 'Binsey Poplars'.
 - b. Whom does the speaker of 'Binsey Poplars' blame for the loss of the trees, and why?
 - c. What are the 'finest gems' of nature that the poet of 'Daffodils no More' is seeking? What did the poet find instead?
 - d. Discuss the symbol of the Pterodactyl in Mahasweta Devi's 'Pterodactyl'.
 - e. How did his job at the mine site affect Bisnu in 'Dust on the Mountain'?
 - f. Describe how Bisnu was saved by a tree during the truck accident in 'Dust on the Mountain'.
 - g. How was the environment around the house of the narrator of 'Death of the Trees' changing?
 - h. What effect did the uprooting of the trees have upon the life of the narrator in 'Death of the Trees'?

 2. Answer **any three** of the following questions: 10X3=30
 - a. How is 'Binsey Poplars' a commentary upon human intervention into the natural environment?
 - b. 'Daffodils no More' is a poem on environmental degradation. Do you agree? Substantiate your answer.
 - c. How does nature play a major role in the development of the character of Bisnu in 'Dust on the Mountain'?
 - d. Discuss 'Pterodactyl' as an eco-critical text.
 - e. Discuss the theme of loss in 'Death of the Trees'.
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