



**B.A. (Part-II) Examination, 2023**  
**ENGLISH LITERATURE**  
**First Paper**  
**(English Poetry and Drama)**

*Duration of Examination: 3 Hours*

*परीक्षा की अवधि: 3 घण्टा*

*Max. Marks: 100*

*पूर्णांक: 100*

**Instructions to the Candidates:**

**उम्मीदवारों के लिए निर्देश:-**

*All questions carry equal marks and all the five questions are compulsory. However, there is internal choice as part of unitization scheme.*

**Unit-I**

- 1- Explain with reference to context any four of the following extracts with critical remarks:- 4x5=20
- (a) till, seized from shore to shore,  
The whole imprisoned river growls below,  
Loud rings the frozen earth, and hard reflects  
A double noise;
- (b) On some fond breast the parting soul relies,  
Some pious drops the closing eye requires;  
E'en from the tomb the voice of nature cries,  
E'en in our Ashes live their wonted Fires.
- (c) Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.
- (d) Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud!  
I fall upon the thorns of life! I bleed!  
A heavy weight of hours has chained and bowed  
One too like thee: tameless, and swift, and proud.
- (e) Oh, these flaws and starts,  
Imposters to true fear, would well become  
A woman's story at a winter's fire,  
Authorized by her grandham. Shame itself!  
Why do you make such faces? When all's done,  
You look but on a stool.
- (f) We will proceed no further in this business.  
He hath honored me of late, and I have bought  
Golden opinions from all sorts of people,  
Which would be worn now in their newest gloss,  
Not cast aside so soon.

**Unit-II**

- 2-(A) Answer the following questions in 25-30 words each:- 10x1=10
- (i) From which collection James Thomson's poems "Autumn" and "Winter" have been extracted?



- (ii) Which two events are said to have influenced Thomas Gray with regard to the composition of "Elegy Written in Country Churchyard" ?
- (iii) "Thy maidens grieved themselves at my concern, of gave me promise of a quick return". Whose return the poet is talking about in these lines ?
- (iv) "The river glideth at his own sweet will."  
To which river does Wordsworth refer here in this line ?
- (v) What are the different themes that Wordsworth thinks the reaper girl might be singing of in his poem "The Solitary Reaper"?
- (vi) Which line does express hope in P.B.Shelley's poem "Ode to the West Wind" ?
- (vii) What are the poet's fears in the poem "When I have fears"?
- (viii) Why the poet calls the autumn season as the "Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun"?
- (ix) "Those of his chamber, as it seemed, had done't Their hands and faces were all badged with blood; So were their daggers \_\_\_\_" - in this dialogue of the play to whom does the pronouns 'his' and 'their' refer to respectively?
- (x) "Go get some water,  
And wash this filthy witness from your hand".  
What does Shakespeare mean by 'Filthy witness' in this dialogue in his play "Macbeth"?

(B) Answer the following questions in about 200-250 words each:- 5x2=10

- (i) Write a note on the Epitaph in Gray's Elegy.  

OR

Why does Shelley depict the West Wind both as a 'Destroyer and Preserver' in his ode?  
Write a short note on Catharsis?  

OR
- (ii) Comment on the opening scene of Shakespeare's play Macbeth with special focus on the role of the three witches.

**Unit-III**

3 How does William Cowper dwell on his own childhood memories overwhelmed by a sense of personal loss and nostalgia in his poem "On the Receipt of My Mother's Picture Out of Norfolk"? Comment and discuss with apt illustrations from the text.  

OR

Why does the poet seek to learn from the Skylark's song 'ignorance of pain' and the 'clear keen joyance'? Discuss and exemplify with special focus on the theme of ethereal joy contrasted with earthly pain in Shelley's poem "To a skylark".

**Unit-IV**

4 Macbeth's tragic end is motivated and engineered by the tragic flaw in his own character. Discuss and examine Shakespeare's tragedy "Macbeth" in the light of the statement. 20  

OR

"My hands are of your colour but I shame To wear a heart so white." Analyse Lady Macbeth's character in the light of his speech uttered by her in the play "Macbeth".

**Unit-V**

5- Write critical notes on any two of the following in about 350-400 words each. 10x2=20

- (a) Romantic Revival in English Poetry.
- (b) The Concept of Tragedy and Shakespeare's Tragedies.
- (c) Pre-Romantic Period.
- (d) Elegy.

