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# **Introduction to Poetry** (2015)

### Time: 4 hours

# Full Marks: 80

## Part-A

# Part A (Answer any ten questions) Marks-1x10=10

- a) What is the subtitle of Shakespeare's Sonnet-18?
- b) Name the figure of speech used in the line "Ten thousand saw I at a glance".
- c) What is Fern Hill?
- d) Whom does Gray compare the dead villagers with?
- e) Define Oxymoron with an example.
- f) "Thus I entered, and thus I go!" Who is the speaker?
- g) What is the message of the poem "To Daffodils"?
- h) What is the rhyme scheme of the sonnet "On His Blindness"?
- i) Where was Walt Whitman born?
- j) Who was Achilles?
- k) What is the theme of the poem "Home Burial"? 1) Who was Maud Gonne?
- l) Who was Maud Gonne?

# **Part-B Answer any five questions:** (4x5=20)

- 2. Illustrate "Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day" as a sonnet.
- 3. What are the qualities of Telemachus that make him different from his father?
- 4. Why does Herrick compare human life with that of the daffodils?
- 5. Comment on the symbols Dickinson used in her poem "Because I Could Not Stop for Death".
- 6. Evaluate Browning as a poet of dramatic monologue.
- 7. Write short note on any one of the following:

(a) Conceit (b) Romanticism

- 8. Mention some salient features of Wordsworth's attitude towards nature.
- 9. What does Rabindranath mean by 'narrow domestic walls' in his poem "Where The Mind Is Without Fear"?

# **Part-C** Answer any five questions: (10x5=50)

- 10. Evaluate Donne as a love poet with reference to his poem"Good Morrow".
- 11. Write a short note on Shelley's use of imagery with reference to "Ode to the West Wind".
- 12. Evaluate Keats as a poet of sensuousness with reference to his poem "To Autumn".
- 13. How does Rabindranath describe the present state of his country?
- 14. Why is Whitman called "poet of the mass"?
- 15. Make a critical appreciation of Robert Frost's poem "Home Burial".
- 16. In what sense is Ted Hughes' "Pike" a poem about human violence?
- 17. What is a dramatic monologue? Discuss "The Patriot" as a dramatic monologue by Robert Browning.

# **Introduction to Poetry** (2016)

#### Time: 4 hours

Full Marks: 80

#### Part-A

## Part A (Answer any ten questions) Marks-1x10=10

- a) What does Shakespeare mean by "eye of heaven"?
- b) What is the tone of the poem "To Daffodils"?
- c) "I will drink Life to the lees." What figure of speech is used here?
- d) What is "Shamble's Gate"?
- e) To which literary age does E.B. Browning belong?
- f) What type of poem is "Because I Could Not Stop for Death"?
- g) What does Yeats mean by 'intellectual hatred'?
- h) What is the colour of the pike?
- i) What kind of freedom does Tagore want for his countrymen?
- j) What is onomatopoeia?
- k) What is the theme of the poem "Home Burial"?
- 1) What is an Ode?

# **Part-B** Answer any five of the following questions: (4x5=20)

- 2. How do the images of "To Autumn" appeal to your senses?
- 3. What prayer does Shelley make to the west wind and why?
- 4. What are the characteristics of metaphysical poetry?
- 5. Comment on Whitman as a mystic poet.
- 6. What spiritual elements do you find in "Where the Mind is Without Fear"?
- 7. Describe "Pike" as an animal poem.
- 8. What image of childhood do you get from the poem "Piano"?
- 9. Write a brief note on "Learning Grief".

# **Part-C** Answer any five questions: (10x5=50)

- 10. Comment on Wordsworth as a poet of Joy and solitude with reference to "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud".
- 11. Does "Ulysses" reflect Victorian spirit? Substantiate your answer.
- 12. Write a critical appreciation of the poem "To Daffodils".
- 13. Comment on Emily Dickinson's treatment of Death in "Because I Could Not Stop for Death".
- 14. Write an essay on the personal elements in Yeats's poetry with reference to "A Prayer for My Daughter".
- 15. Discuss the theme of childhood in Dylan Thomas's poem "Fern Hill".
- 16. How does Shakespeare immortalize the beauty of his friend in "Sonnet-18"?
- 17. Comment on the imagery used in "How Do I Love Thee".

# **Introduction to Poetry** (2017)

# Time: 4 hours

# Full Marks: 80

# 1. Part A (Answer any ten questions) Marks-1x10=10

(a) Who serves God best according to Milton?

(b) Why does D.H. Lawrence's heart weep to remember the old Sunday evenings at home?

(c) How did the poet Kaiser Haq pass his days after his sister's death?

(d) What did Whitman do when he lived in Brooklyn?

(e) Who are the riders of the carriage in "Because I Could Not Stop for Death"?

f) "speech is used here?" (Please provide the full sentence for which you want to identify the figure of speech, as the provided answer points to "epigram" in relation to a word and its opposite).

g) What is the bliss of solitude according to Wordsworth?

h) Why are Autumn and the Sun called close bosom friends?

i) How does E.B. Browning convey the idea of the immortality of her love?

- j) What does the phrase "good morrow" mean?
- k) What is the subtitle of Shakespeare's Sonnet-18?
- l) What is an allusion?

# Part-B (Answer any five questions) Marks-4x5=20

- 2. Why does Herrick weep to see the beautiful daffodils?
- 3. Identify and explain: "One equal temper of heroic hearts, Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."
- 4. What mystic elements do you find in "Because I Could Not Stop for Death"?
- 5. Give an account of E.B. Browning's intense love.
- 6. What modern elements do you find in "Home Burial"?
- 7. What does the poet pray to God and why in the poem "A Prayer for My Daughter"?
- 8. What romantic elements do you find in "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"?
- 9. Write short notes on:
  - (i) Lampoon
  - (ii) Fable

# Part C. (Answer any five questions) Marks-10x5=50

- 10. What metaphysical qualities do you find in the poem "The Good Morrow"?
- 11. How does Thomas Gray glorify common men in his elegy?
- 12. Do you think the conflict between the couple brings their relationship to a breaking point in the poem "Home Burial"?
- 13. What is Tagore's concept of ideal state as suggested in the poem "Where the Mind is Without Fear"?
- 14. Why do you think the patriot expects to be repaid by God in the afterlife?
- 15. Discuss Shelley's optimism with special reference to "Ode to the West Wind".
- 16. "Whitman is known as a poet of democracy" Discuss with special reference to "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry".
- 17. Comment on Keats' treatment of nature in "To Autumn".

# **Introduction to Poetry** (2018)

Time: 4 hours

Full Marks: 80

#### Part-A

# 1. Part A (Answer any ten questions) Marks-1x10=10

- (a) What is the Greek name of Ulysses?
- (b) What does the word, 'Curfew' mean?

(c) Which book of Tagore is the poem, "Where the mind is without fear" taken from?

(d) What does Herrick mean by "short spring"?

(e) What is a dramatic monologue?

(f) What does Shelley mean by the line, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind"?

(g) What does Dylan Thomas glorify in 'Fern Hill'?

(h) What is the name of Yeats's daughter?

(i) What is the cause of conflict between husband and wife in the poem, 'Home Burial'?

j) "Killers from the egg" - what do you understand by this line?

k) How did the speaker's sister of the poem, "Learning Grief" die?

1) "Some mute inglorious Milton here may rest." Identify the figure of speech.

# Part B (Answer any five questions) Marks 4x5=20

- 2. Mention some conceits used by John Donne in the poem, "The Good-Morrow".
- 3. What are the sensuous elements found in the poem, "Ode to Autumn"?
- 4. How was the life of the villagers in "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"?
- 5. At the time of crossing the ferry, how does Walt Whitman describe different sights?
- 6. How did people receive the patriot a year ago?
- 7. How is the west wind treated as both a destroyer and a preserver?
- 8. Write the theme of the poem, "Where the mind is without fear".
- 9. How does Milton find consolation at the end of the poem, "On His Blindness"?

### Part C (Answer any five questions) Marks-10x5=50

- 10. How does Robert Herrick develop the theme of transitoriness of human life on earth?--Explain.
- 11. Illustrate the images that Shakespeare used to immortalize his friendship in the sonnet 18: "Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day"?
- 12. Comment on Wordsworth's treatment of nature with reference to "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud".
- Explain the central idea of Milton's sonnet, "On His Blindness".
- 14. Elaborate the Victorian spirit as reflected in the poem,"Ulysses".
- 15. What types of virtues does Yeats desire from his daughter in the poem "A Prayer for My Daughter"?
- 16. Describe the uses of imagery in the poem, "Fern Hill".
- 17. Elucidate the poet's grief in the poem, "Learning Grief".

#### **Introduction to Poetry** (2019)

Time: 4 hours

Full Marks: 80

#### **Part-A**

## 1. Part A (Answer any ten questions) Marks-1x10=10

(a) What is meant by the "eternal lines" in the poem "Compare Thee to a Summer's Day"?

(b) How do the daffodils look like?

(c) What does the expression "Thou breath of Autumn's being" mean?

(d) What does W.B. Yeats pray for his daughter?

(e) How does the poem "Ulysses" end?

f) What does "ferry" symbolize in the poem "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry"?

g) With what does Herrick compare human life?

h) What is a rhetoric question? i) What is an ode?

j) "The path of glory leads but to the grave" - What is meant here?

k) What is a hemisphere?

1) Why shall God repay the patriot?

# Part B (Answer any five questions) Marks-4x5=20

- 2. How does Shakespeare glorify his friend in the Sonnet "Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day"?
- 3. How has the poet expressed melancholy and sadness in "To Daffodils"?
- 4. How does the poet describe the joyous mood of the daffodils in "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"?
- 5. Why does Ulysses say 'I cannot rest from travel'? Explain.
- 6. What does the poet value most for his daughter in 'A Prayer for My Daughter'?
- 7. Comment on the symbols used in "Fern Hill".

- 8. How is the theme of emotional and physical alienation handled in "Home Burial"?
- 9. What mystic elements do you find in "Because I Could Not Stop for Death"?

# Part C (Answer any five questions) Marks-10x5=50

- 10. Discuss briefly Browning's optimism in the poem "The Patriot".
- 11. Discuss the different stages of love in Donne's "The Good Morrow".
- 12. Write a short note on Shelley's use of imagery with reference to "Ode to the West Wind".
- 13. How does Gray glorify the common men in "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"?
- 14. Comment on Keats' treatment of nature in "To Autumn".
- 15. Discuss the theme of human experience in Whitman's "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry".
- 16. Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Home Burial".
- 17. What is Tagore's concept of ideal state as suggested in "Where the Mind is Without Fear"?

### **Introduction to Poetry** (2019)

### Time: 4 hours

# Full Marks: 80

### Part-A

# Part A (Answer any ten questions) Marks-1x10=10

- 1. (a) What is the rhyme scheme of a Shakespearean sonnet?
- b) What is metaphysical conceit?
- c) How is autumn personified in the poem "To Autumn"?
- d) How was the patriot received by his countrymen?
- e) What is the name of the wife in the poem "Home Burial"?
- f) How do human beings disappear from the earth as stated in the poem "To Daffodils"?
- g) What does Ted Hughes mean by the phrase "Killer from the eggs"?
- h) What does Dylan Thomas mean by "lilting house"?
- i) What are the twofold functions of the West Wind?
- j) Who is Telemachus?
- k) What is "irony"?
- l) What does Gray mean by the 'inevitable hour'?

# Part B (Answer any five questions) Marks 4x5=20

- 2. Who, according to Milton, serve God best?
- 3. What are the features of metaphysical poetry?
- 4. What kind of life did the dead villagers lead?
- 5. How does Shelley treat the West Wind both as a destroyer and a preserver?
- 6. Describe the music of autumn.
- 7. Why does Ulysses prefer a life of action and adventure?
- 8. How is Death depicted in the poem "Because I Could Not Stop for Death"?
- 9. What is Rabindranath Tagore's central concept of an ideal country?

# Part C (Answer any five questions) Marks-10x5=50

- 10. How does Shakespeare immortalize the beauty of his friend in "Sonnet-18"?
- 11. How does Robert Herrick develop the theme of transitoriness in the poem "To Daffodils"?
- 12. How did the daffodil flowers create an everlasting impression in the mind of Wordsworth?
- 13. What is a dramatic monologue? Evaluate "Ulysses" as a dramatic monologue.
- 14. Evaluate "How Do I Love Thee" as a love poem.
- 15. What are the elementary attributes that Yeats desires from his daughter?
- 16. Describe Dylan Thomas's use of imagery in the poem "Fern Hill".
- 17. How does the poem "Pike" suggest a picture of violence latent in human beings?

### **Introduction to Poetry** (2020)

Time: 4 hours

#### Full Marks: 80

#### Part-A

# Part A (Answer any ten questions) Marks-1x10=10

- 1. (a) What is the rhyme scheme of a Shakespearean sonnet?
  - (b) What is metaphysical conceit?
  - (c) How is autumn personified in the poem "To Autumn"?
  - (d) How was the patriot received by his countrymen?
  - (e) What is the name of the wife in the poem "Home Burial"?

(f) How do human beings disappear from the earth as stated in the poem "To Daffodils"?

(g) What does Ted Hughes mean by the phrase "Killer from the eggs"?

- (h) What does Dylan Thomas mean by "lilting house"?
- (i) What are the twofold functions of the West Wind?
- (j) Who is Telemachus?
- (k) What is "irony"?
- (1) What does Gray mean by the 'inevitable hour'?

# Part B (Answer any five questions) Marks-4x5=20

- 2. Who, according to Milton, serve God best?
- 3. What are the features of metaphysical poetry?
- 4. What kind of life did the dead villagers lead?
- 5. How does Shelley treat the West Wind both as a destroyer and a preserver?
- 6. Describe the music of autumn.
- 7. Why does Ulysses prefer a life of action and adventure?
- 8. How is Death depicted in the poem "Because I Could Not Stop for Death"?
- 9. What is Rabindranath Tagore's central concept of an ideal country?

# Part C (Answer any five questions) Marks-10x5=50

- 10. How does Shakespeare immortalize the beauty of his friend in "Sonnet-18"?
- 11. How does Robert Herrick develop the theme of transitoriness in the poem "To Daffodils"?
- 12. How did the daffodil flowers create an everlasting impression in the mind of Wordsworth?
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- 15. What are the elementary attributes that Yeats desires from his daughter?
- 16. Describe Dylan Thomas's use of imagery in the poem "Fern Hill".
- 17. How does the poem "Pike" suggest a picture of violence latent in human beings?

### **Introduction to Poetry** (2021)

#### Time: 4 hours

#### Full Marks: 80

### Part-A

- 1. (a) What does Shakespeare mean by 'eye of heaven'?
- (b) What type of sonnet is "On His Blindness"?
- (c) What is "Seven Sleeper's den"?
- d) Who was Cromwell?
- e) What is an Ode?
- f) Who is Penelope?
- g) "Thus I entered, and thus I go" Who is the speaker?
- h) How does the west wind destroy and preserve?
- i) What makes Robert Herrick weep?
- j) Which is the 'bliss of solitude' to Wordsworth?
- k) How were the waves in Brooklyn River?
- l) What is personification?

# Part B (Answer any five questions) Marks 4x5=20

- 2. Discuss briefly Robert Browning's philosophy of life expressed in the poem, "The Patriot".
- 3. Why does Robert Herrick compare human life to that of the daffodils?
- 4. What are the sensuous elements found in the poem "To Autumn"?
- 5. How does the poet express her love in "How Do I Love Thee"?
- 6. How does D.H. Lawrence depict the power of memory in "The Piano"?
- 7. Comment on the symbols used in "Fern Hill".
- 8. How does the poet want to immortalize his friend in "Sonnet 18"?
- 9. How does the poet express his joyous mood at the sight of the daffodils in "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"?

# Part C (Answer any five questions) Marks-10x5=50

- 10. What metaphysical qualities do you find in the poem "The Good Morrow"?
- 11. Comment on Keats' treatment of nature in "To Autumn".
- 12. Bring out the regenerative elements in Shelley's "Ode to the West Wind".
- 13. Comment on Emily Dickinson's treatment of death in "Because I Could Not Stop for Death".
- 14. How has the theme of alienation been worked out in the poem "Home Burial"?
- 15. Discuss the theme of human experience in Whitman's "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry".
- 16. Is Robert Browning optimistic? Justify your answer with "The Patriot".
- 17. Comment on Rabindranath Tagore's concept of ideal state as suggested in "Where the Mind is Without Fear".

## **Introduction to Poetry** (2022)

Time: 4 hours

Full Marks: 80

## Part-A

# Part A (Answer any ten questions) Marks- 1x10=10

1. (a) What is a lyric?

- (b) What is an elegy?
- (c) What is Metaphysical Conceit?
- (d) Who is called the 'Bard of Avon'?
- (e) What does Herrick mean by "Short Spring"?
- (f) How does Keats define Autumn?
- (g) What is the full title of the poem "The Patriot"?
- (h) Who is called the "Lady in White"?
- (i) Who is often called "Zoo Laureate"?

(j) What is meant by "Sharp North" in the poem "The Good Morrow"?

- (k) What does the ferry symbolize?
- 1) What is the meaning of the word 'Gitanjali'?

# Part B (Answer any five questions) Marks- 4x5=20

- 2. Explain the central idea of Milton's "On His Blindness".
- 3. Consider John Donne as a Metaphysical poet of love.
- 4. What is Whitman's conception of self?
- 5. Why "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" is called a pastoral elegy?
- 6. How is the west wind treated as a destroyer and a preserver?
- 7. What prayer does Yeats say for his daughter?
- 8. What is the cause of conflict between the husband and the wife in "Home Burial"?
- 9. What is Tagore's concept of ideal state as suggested in "Where the Mind is Without Fear"?

# Part C (Answer any five questions) Marks-- 10x5=50

- 10. How does Shakespeare eulogize the beauty of his friend in 'Sonnet 18'?
- 11. How does Ulysses represent the Victorian spirit in "Ulysses"?
- 12. Write a critical appreciation of the poem "The Patriot".
- 13. How does Elizabeth express her love in 'Sonnet 43'?
- 14. How does Dylan Thomas recreate his childhood memories in "Fern Hill"?
- 15. "Pike embodies primitive energy" Discuss.
- 16. What process of learning grief does the poet experience?
- 17. How does the experience of seeing the daffodils affect the poet?

# **Introduction to Poetry** (2023)

### Time: 4 hours

# Full Marks: 80

# Part-A

# Part A (Answer any ten questions) Marks-1x10=10

- 1. (a) What is a sonnet?
  - (b) What type of poem is "The Good-Morrow"?
  - (c) When did Cromwell rule England?
  - (d) Who was Ulysses?
  - (e) Where did Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning live after their marriage?
  - (f) Who were in the carriage in "Because I Could Not Stop for Death"?
  - (g) What figure of speech is used in the line "I will drink life to the lees"?
  - (h) What is the main theme of 'Pike'?
  - (i) Why didn't the poet feel any grief at the death of his grandmother?
  - (j) Why shall God repay the patriot?
  - k) Whose blindness does the poem "On His Blindness" refer to?
  - I) What does Yeats mean by "intellectual hatred"?

## Part B (Answer any five questions) Marks- 4x5=20

- 2. Explain the following lines: "Like to the summer's rain; Or as the pearls of morning's dew, Never to be found again."
- 3. What are the types of sonnets? Define a Shakespearean sonnet.
- 4. Write a short note on the "seven sleepers".
- 5. Describe the life of the villagers as you find in "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard".
- 6. How does the poet enjoy the beauties of nature while crossing the river in the poem "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry"?
- 7. Write a short note on 'Blank Verse' or 'Couplet'.
- 8. Mention some salient features of Wordsworth's attitude towards nature.
- 9. What autobiographical elements do you find in 'Ulysses'?

# Part C (Answer any five questions) Marks- 10×5=50

- 10. What is sensuousness? Examine "To Autumn" as a poem of sensuousness.
- 11. Is Robert Browning optimistic? Show your answer with reference to "The Patriot".
- 12. "Whitman is a poet of democracy". Discuss with reference to "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry".
- Comment on William Wordsworth's treatment of nature in "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud".
- 14. Explain the theme of the poem "Home Burial".
- 15. Write a note on the use of autobiographical elements in "A Prayer for My Daughter".
- 16. Comment on Donne's treatment of love in "The Good-Morrow".
- 17. The last line of "Ode to the West Wind" strikes a note of optimism. Discuss.