

B.A. Semester I (Honours/General) Examination 2020 (CBCS)

Subject: English

Paper: GE-1/CC-1A

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to answer in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer **any six** of the following questions: 5x6=30
 - a. 'She seemed a thing that could not feel / The touch of earthly years' – Who is 'she'? Why does the poet say this?
 - b. '. . . — I had more pleasure in these busy-idle diversions'. Briefly comment on this line from Lamb's 'Dream Children'.
 - c. 'We are not of Alice, nor of thee, nor are we children at all' — What is the significance of these words?
 - d. Comment critically on the ending on Bates's short story 'The Ox'.
 - e. What are the qualities of the 'star' in Keats's sonnet 'Bright Star'.
 - f. Explain the following lines with reference to the context: 'And by his smile, I knew that sullen hall,— / By his dead smile I knew we stood in Hell'.
 - g. Briefly comment on the last two lines of Shakespeare's Sonnet 116.
 - h. Write a brief character sketch of Mr. Thurlow.

 2. Answer **any three** of the following questions: 10x3=30
 - a. Write a note on Wilfred Owen's attitude to war as revealed in 'Strange Meeting'.
 - b. Discuss the autobiographical elements in Charles Lamb's 'Dream Children: A Reverie'.
 - c. Comment on Bates's use of symbols in his short story 'The Ox'.
 - d. Write a note on Keats's use of images in 'Bright Star'.
 - e. Critically analyse Shakespeare's Sonnet 116.
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