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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE [SUPPLEMENTARY]  
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025**

English

ENG 2B 02—APPRECIATING POETRY

(2019 Syllabus)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer the following questions in two or three sentences.**Each question carries 2 marks.**(Maximum ceiling : 25 marks)*

1. Explain what constitutes “meter” in a poem.
2. “I gave commands, then all smiles stopped together.” Explain.
3. What does John Donne compare the separation of lovers to in “A Valediction Forbidding Mourning” ?
4. In “Essay on Man”, what is the “presumptuous” act that man is warned against ?
5. What is alliteration?
6. In “La Belle Dame sans Merci,” what happens to the knight after he encounters the mysterious lady ?
7. How does “narrative poetry” differ from lyric poetry ?
8. What is the central piece of advice the poet gives in “Some Advice to those who will Serve Time in Prison” ?
9. What kind of internal conflict regarding identity does Diane Glancy explore in “Without Title” ?
10. In “Be Drunk”, what does Charles Baudelaire urge his readers to immerse themselves in and why ?
11. In Bassegy Ikpi’s “Homeward,” what feeling does the speaker express about belonging in different cultural contexts ?
12. What does Dylan Thomas mean by “Rage, rage against the dying / of the light” ?
13. What is Performance Poetry ?

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14. In “The Layers”, what does the speaker mean by saying, “I have walked through many lives” ?
15. Explain metonymy with an example.

*Answer the following questions in a paragraph.*

*Each question carries 5 marks*

*(Maximum ceiling : 35 marks)*

16. Explain the purpose and conventions of an elegy.
17. Analyze how Shakespeare uses the sonnet form in “Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer’s Day” to explore the theme of immortality through poetry.
18. Describe how Shelley’s “Ode to a Skylark” captures the essence of the bird's song and connects it to human experience.
19. Discuss the portrayal of love and loss in Pablo Neruda’s “Tonight I Can Write the Saddest Lines”.
20. Describe the way Joao Cabral de Melo Neto presents the relationship between humanity and the environment in “Landscape of the Capibaribe River.”
21. Consider Milton’s “On His Blindness” as a crisis poem.
22. Examine the various ways the speaker in “I’m Your Man” expresses an absolute willingness to serve or adapt for the beloved.
23. Describe the defining structural and thematic elements of an ode.

*Write essays on any two of the following.*

*Each question carries 10 marks.*

24. Discuss the characteristics of Metaphysical poetry as exemplified by John Donne’s “A Valediction Forbidding Mourning,” highlighting its intellectual and emotional complexity.
25. Analyze how W.H. Auden’s “In Memory of W.B. Yeats” functions as an elegy, reflecting on the death of a poet and the endurance of their legacy.
26. Explore how Yehuda Amichai’s “Anniversaries of War” illustrates the enduring psychological impact of conflict, even long after the battles cease.
27. Define and discuss the key elements of prosody.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
APRIL 2024**

English

ENG 2B 02—APPRECIATING POETRY

(2019—2023 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two *or* three sentences. 2 marks each :

- 1 What is the figure of speech contained in the expression “the eye of heaven” in Shakespeare’s sonnet, and what does it refer to ?
- 2 What, according to Milton, is the true meaning of service to God ?
- 3 What were the three gifts the knight gave to the beautiful lady ?
- 4 How does Auden describe the day on which Yeats died ?
- 5 How does Dylan Thomas present death metaphorically in his poem ?
- 6 Why is the Duke jealous of the painter who painted the portrait of the Duchess ?
- 7 How does Donne want his beloved to accept his separation ?
- 8 Explain the significance of the title “The Layers”.
- 9 What does the boy think of his reflection in the water in “Childhood” ?
- 10 What makes Pablo Neruda write the saddest lines he has ever written ?
- 11 What, according to Nazim Hikmet, is the benefit of reading while in prison ?
- 12 What is an Iambic foot ?
- 13 Why does Baudelaire make an exhortation to drink ?
- 14 Explain Metonymy. Give examples.
- 15 What is an Ode ? Give examples.

(Ceiling 25 marks)

**Turn over**

II. Answer the following questions in *a paragraph*. 5 marks each :

- 16 Comment on the imagery in Shakespeare's sonnet.
- 17 The relationship between nature and human spirit in 'To A Skylark.'
- 18 How does the Duke in "My Last Duchess" state that the Duchess was one who could be pleased easily ?
- 19 Explain the theme of Stanley Kunitz's poem "Layers".
- 20 How does Pablo Neruda express his sorrow over his lost love ?
- 21 How does Dhasal's poem describe the sad plight of stonemasons ?
- 22 What are Baudelaire's excuses for getting drunk ?
- 23 How does Bassey Ikpi describe the conflict between the Nigerian and Western cultures in her life ?

(Ceiling 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* of the four questions in an essay :

- 24 Milton's idea of divinity and optimism in "When I Consider How My Light is Spent".
- 25 Examine "In Memory of W. B. Yeats" as an elegy.
- 26 Theme of love in "A Valediction : Forbidding Mourning".
- 27 Examine "I am Your Man" as the supreme expression of desperate love.

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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
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English

ENG 2B 02—APPRECIATING POETRY

(2019—2022 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences. 2 marks each :

- 1 What does the word 'yoke' in Milton's sonnet refer to, and what is the figure of speech used ?
- 2 How is the physical state of the knight mirrored by the landscape in *La Belle Dame Sans Merci* ?
- 3 What does Shelley's metaphor of the skylark refer to ?
- 4 How did 'mad Ireland hurt Yeats into poetry' ?
- 5 How, according to Dylan Thomas, should old men approach death ?
- 6 Why did the Duke disapprove of the smile of his Duchess ?
- 7 What, according to Donne, is the weakness of common lovers ?
- 8 What is the theme of Leonard Cohen's song "I am Your Man" ?
- 9 "Love is so short, forgetting is so long."- what does Pablo Neruda mean by this line ?
- 10 What does the mother in Langston Hughes's poem warn the son against ?
- 11 Who is the protagonist in the poem "Without Title" ?
- 12 What is the theme of "Anniversaries of War" by Yehuda Amichai ?
- 13 Explain Metre.
- 14 What is transferred epithet ? Give examples.
- 15 What is Dramatic Monologue ? Give examples.

(Ceiling 25 marks)

**Turn over**

II. Answer the following questions in *a paragraph*. 5 marks each :

- 16 How does Milton's sonnet express his devotion to God ?
- 17 Auden's attitude towards poetry in "In Memory of W.B. Yeats".
- 18 Explain the metaphysical conceit in "A Valediction : Forbidding Mourning".
- 19 What is the attitude of the lover towards his beloved in "I am Your Man" ?
- 20 What is Nazim Hikmet's advice to those who are imprisoned ?
- 21 The conflict between tradition and modernity in "Without Title".
- 22 What is Baudelaire's notion of drinking ?
- 23 How does the poet describe Capibaribe river ?

(Ceiling 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* of the four questions in an essay:

- 24 Supernatural elements in "La Belle Dame Sans Merci".
- 25 "A Valediction : Forbidding Mourning" as a representation of spiritual love.
- 26 Death and aging in "Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night".
- 27 The theme of acceptance in Pope's "Essay on Man".

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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
APRIL 2022**

English

ENG 2B 02—APPRECIATING POETRY

(2019—2020 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences (2 marks each) :

- 1 How does Shakespeare differentiate between the summer in nature and the summer of youth in his beloved ?
- 2 Explain the title of Keats's poem *La Belle Dame Sans Merci*. How is it relevant to the poem ?
- 3 How does Shelley compare the lark to a maiden ?
- 4 What is Yeats's remark on the social significance of poetry ?
- 5 How, according to Dylan Thomas, do 'wild men' approach death ?
- 6 What does the Duke show the envoy in *My Last Duchess* ? What does this reveal about his character ?
- 7 Why did Donne employ the image of gold in *A Valediction : Forbidding Mourning* ?
- 8 How does Rilke describe the atmosphere at school in "Childhood" ? How does this contribute to the overall effect of the poem ?
- 9 Why does Nazim Hikmet say that a prisoner lives a dual life ?
- 10 What was Harlem Renaissance ?
- 11 Why does the narrator in Dhasal's poem say that stonemasons give dream to stones ?
- 12 Who was Shmuel Ha- Nagid ?
- 13 What is Alliteration ? Give examples.
- 14 What is a Lyric ? Give examples.
- 15 What is an Elegy ? Give examples.

(Ceiling 25 marks)

**Turn over**

II. Answer the following questions in *a paragraph* (5 marks each) :

- 16 How does the woman lure the knight in “La Belle Dame Sans Merci” ?
- 17 How does Dylan Thomas describe the way different people approach death ?
- 18 How does Pope argue that perfection is relative ?
- 19 How does Rilke describe the feelings of a child inside and outside the school ?
- 20 How does Langston Hughes employ the image of a stair in “Mother to Son” ?
- 21 The sense of loss expressed by the speaker in “Without Title”.
- 22 What is the narrator’s attitude towards war in “Anniversaries of War” ?
- 23 How does Blessy Ikpi describe her alienation from her native culture ?

(Ceiling 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* of the four questions in an essay :

- 24 Shelley’s description of the power of nature to inspire and delight the human spirit in “To a Skylark”.
- 25 The spirit of life expressed in “Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night”.
- 26 The character of the Duke in “My Last Duchess”.
- 27 The themes of loss and transformation in the poem “Layers”.

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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION****APRIL 2022**

English

ENG 2B 02—APPRECIATING POETRY

(2021 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A***Answer at least ten questions.**Each question carries 3 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall Ceiling 30.*

1. What happens to the knight at the end of the poem “La Belle Dame Sans Merci” ?
2. What plea does the poet make to the skylark ?
3. “I gave commands, then all smiles stopped together.” Explain.
4. Why does the lover in Donne’s poem forbid mourning ?
5. What bewilders Rainer Maria Rilke at the end of the poem ?
6. Describe the night in the poem “Tonight I Can Write the Saddest Lines”.
7. What is the central image in ‘Mother to Son’ ?
8. What is the irony in stonemason building a house ?
9. How does Yehuda Amichai indicate the passage of time ?
10. What is the central image used by the poet to describe the river ?
11. How does Bassy Ikpi reveal her future anxieties ?
12. What does Alexander Pope mean by the expression ‘Wisdom infinite’ ?
13. What does Stanley Kunitz convey through the paradoxical expression feast of losses ?
14. What is an ode ?
15. What is the difference between a simile and a metaphor ? Explain using examples.

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

**Turn over**

**Section B**

*Answer at least five questions.*

*Each question carries 6 marks.*

*All questions can be attended.*

*Overall Ceiling 30.*

16. Comment on the imagery in the poem "Shall I Compare thee to a Summer's Day".
17. Describe the attitude of Dylan Thomas towards life and death.
18. What does the contrast between the 'steed' and the 'ox' signify ?
19. Explain the significance of the title "Be Drunk".
20. What is the impression of the society you get from the poem "Landscape of the Capibaribe River" ?
21. Bring out the images of decay and desolation in the poem "La Belle Dame Sans Merci".
22. How does the poet contrast the blissful existence of the skylark with the painful human condition ?
23. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem "When you are Old" by William Butler Yeats.

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,  
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,  
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look  
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep ;

How many loved your moments of glad grace,  
And loved your beauty with love false or true,  
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,  
And loved the sorrows of your changing face ;

And bending down beside the glowing bars,  
Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled  
And paced upon the mountains overhead  
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

**Section C**

*Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries 10 marks.*

24. "The Layers" is all about transformations. Elucidate.
25. "I am your man" is supreme expression of desperate love. Elucidate.
26. Analyze Hikmet's poem as a poem of protest.
27. Analyze the cultural loneliness experienced by the father and the appropriateness of the title of the poem "Without Title".

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
APRIL 2021**

English

ENG 2B 02—APPRECIATING POETRY

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A***Answer at least ten questions.**Each question carries 3 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall Ceiling 30.*

1. Explain the closing lines of the poem “Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer’s Day”.
2. What are the meanings of the word ‘Talent’ in Milton’s poem ?
3. Who prompted Dylan Thomas to write the poem ?
4. Why should the parting couple ‘melt’ and make no noise ?
5. Explain the phrase ‘long childhood afternoons’.
6. Why does the narrator say he can write the saddest lines ?
7. Why is the title of the poem “Without Title” ironic ?
8. What are the different things on which one can get drunk ?
9. What effect does the series of questions create ?
10. How did the grandmother receive Bassy Ikpi when she returned ?
11. Who are the men who have been seduced by the fairy ?
12. Why does Auden say “He disappeared in the dead of winter” ?
13. What is the significance of the allusion to Neptune taming a sea horse in “My Last Duchess” ?
14. What is elegy ?
15. Explain the term Oxymoron with examples.

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

**Turn over**

**Section C**

*Answer at least five questions.*

*Each question carries 6 marks.*

*All questions can be attended.*

*Overall Ceiling 30.*

16. Discuss the significance of the title "The Layers".
17. What are the different roles the lover in the poem "I'm Your Man" is willing to take on to satisfy his beloved ?
18. Summarize the pieces of advice given by the poet to those who will serve time in prison.
19. The myths associated with the stonemasons.
20. How does the poem "Essay on Man" vindicate the ways of God to man ?
21. Analyze "Homeward" as a lament on diminished cultures.
22. Consider Milton's poem as a crisis poem.
23. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem "I Died for Beauty" by Dickinson :

I died for beauty, but was scarce  
Adjusted in the tomb,  
When one who died for truth was lain  
In an adjoining room.

He questioned softly why I failed ?  
"For beauty," I replied.  
"And I for truth - the two are one ;  
We brethren are," he said.

And so, as kinsmen met a-night,  
We talked between the rooms,  
Until the moss had reached our lips,  
And covered up our names.

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

**Section C**

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 10 marks.*

24. "In Memory of W.B. Yeats" is not just about Yeats. It is about poetry and poets. Discuss.
25. Discuss "My Last Duchess" as a dramatic monologue.
26. "Mother to Son" is about endurance of human spirit. Discuss.
27. "Anniversaries of war" fuses personal memory and collective history. Comment.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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**SECOND SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2020**

(CBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 2B 02—APPRECIATING POETRY

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences (2 marks each) :

- 1 Why does Shakespeare say that his beloved is superior to nature ?
- 2 Identify the speaker of the poem "La Belle Dame Sans Merci".
- 3 Explain the lines, "the words of a dead man/ are modified in the guts of the living" ?
- 4 What is the significance of the Duke mentioning the name Fra Pandolf ?
5. Why does Pope address man as 'presumptuous' ?
- 6 What does the act of wearing mask signify ?
- 7 Indulging in what activities are dangerous and not advisable according to Nazim Hikmet ?
- 8 What advice is given to the son by the mother ?
- 9 Explain the expression 'martyred slaves of time'.
- 10 Mention two things that the river does not know.
- 11 How does the poet account for the ecstasy of the skylark ?
- 12 What is the reply given by Patience to John Milton ?
- 13 What is the prayer that Dylan Thomas makes at the end of the poem ?
- 14 What is Performance Poetry ?
- 15 What is Metonymy ? Give an example.

(Ceiling 25 marks)

II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph (5 marks each) :

- 16 Consider Milton's poem as a crisis poem.
- 17 What are the arguments used by the lover in Donne's poem to console his beloved ?
- 18 "Tonight I Can Write the Saddest Lines" is about love, loss of love and survival. Discuss.
- 19 Discuss the poignancy and the irony of the title of the poem "Without Title".

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- 20 Describe the nature presented in the poem "Anniversaries of War".
- 21 How does Ikpi present the dividedness of the two cultures ?
- 22 What is Auden's attitude towards poetry ?
- 23 Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem "A Poison Tree" by William Blake.

I was angry with my friend ;  
 I told my wrath, my wrath did end.  
 I was angry with my foe :  
 I told it not, my wrath did grow.

And I watered it in fears,  
 Night & morning with my tears :  
 And I sunned it with smiles,  
 And with soft deceitful wiles.

And it grew both day and night.  
 Till it bore an apple bright.  
 And my foe beheld it shine,  
 And he knew that it was mine.

And into my garden stole,  
 When the night had veild the pole ;  
 In the morning glad I see ;  
 My foe outstretched beneath the tree.

(Ceiling 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* out of the four questions in an essay (10 marks each) :

- 24 How does the skylark become a metaphor for poetic imagination ?
- 25 Discuss the critical observation that "Dylan Thomas has great mastery in handling varying moods."
- 26 The poet in the poem "Childhood" laments the passage of time. Discuss.
- 27 How does Dhasal juxtapose the past and the present in a society anxious to engender stereotypes ?

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)