

Year 2021—22
Shastri 3rd Year, 1st Semester
Subject – English, Paper – 3rd

Time – 3.5 Hours

Marks– 70

Instructions:

- *All questions are compulsory.*
- *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
- *All answers must be carefully numbered so that they match the relevant questions.*
- *Only brief answers are expected and there is no need to copy down any part of question unless you are specifically asked.*

Unit – A

1. Answer all of the following questions in not more than two sentences:

15x1=15

- a) How many poems feature in the English version of Rabindranath Tagore's 'Gitanjali'?
- b) What is the full name of H. L. V. Derozio?
- c) Name the first play of Girish Karnad.
- d) Which state does Jayanta Mahapatra come from?
- e) Madhavikutty is the pen name of which poet that is prescribed in your syllabus?
- f) In which language did Toru Dutt write other than English?
- g) Name a poem by Nissim Ezekiel other than the one prescribed in your syllabus.
- h) Why does Love choose the 'lotus' as the 'queenliest flower'?

- i) Which poet from your syllabus is known to have forged ‘an oblique, elliptical style’ of writing?
- j) Write down the time period of Tughlaq’s rule?
- k) Name a few English contemporary poets of Derozio.
- l) Who is the female Indian writer who played an important role in India’s struggle for independence from colonial rule?
- m) Mention the final image from the poem, ‘The Striders’.
- n) What is the ‘kingly jest’ in Tagore’s ‘I had gone a-begging from door to door’?
- o) Which text from your syllabus is considered as a ‘confessional poem’?

Unit – B

2. Answer any five of the following questions in not more than 75 words:

3x5=15

- a. Why does the poet compare the pupils of Hindu College with “the petal of young flowers” and “young birds in soft summer hours”? Elaborate.
- b. The ‘frail early light catches ruined, leprous shells’. What does this signify in the context of the poem?
- c. Tagore’s ‘I had gone a-begging from door to door’ works like a parable. Discuss.
- d. Highlight the thematic significance of A. K. Ramanujan’s ‘The Striders’.
- e. Elucidate a few of the political and administrative decisions of Muhammad Tughlaq which turned out to be failures.
- f. ‘The Old Playhouse’ succeeds to expose the ills of a patriarchal society through the lens of irony. Discuss with the help of appropriate examples from the text.

- g. What kind of freedom does the poet desire for his country in ‘Where the Mind is Without Fear’?

Unit – C

3. Explain with reference to the context any five of the following extracts in not more than 150 words each: 5x6=30

a) “But is the lily lovelier?” Thus between
Flower-factions rang the strife in Psyche’s bower.
“Give me a flower delicious as the rose
And stately as the lily in her pride”-

b) Ancient Indian wisdom is 100% correct.
I should say even 200% correct.
But modern generation is neglecting –
Too much going for fashion and foreign thing.

c) Endless crow noises
A skull in the holy sands
tilts its empty country towards hunger.

d) Do not follow a gentleman’s morals
with that absurd, determined air.
Find a priest. Find any beast in the wind
for a husband. He will give you a houseful
of legitimate sons.

e) O! how the winds
Of circumstance, and freshening April showers

Of early knowledge, and unnumbered kinds
Of new perceptions shed their influence;
And how you worship truth's omnipotence!

f) No, Not only prophets

Walk on water. This bug sits
On a landslide of lights
And drowns eye-
Deep
Into its tiny strip
Of sky.

g) But for that I'll have to admit that I was wrong all these years. And I
know I haven't.

I have something to give, something to teach, which may open the
eyes of history, but I have to do it within this life. I've got to make
them listen to me before I lose even that!

Unit – D

4. Critically appreciate any one of the following stanzas: 1x5=5

a. He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

b. Forgive these wild and wandering cries,
Confusions of a wasted youth;
Forgive them where they fail in truth,
And in thy wisdom make me wise.

5. Compose a short essay in about 150 words on any one of the following topics: **1x5=5**

- a) People in modern cities live under too much stress and something should be done about it. Do you agree?
- b) We all have favourite activities that we enjoy. Write an essay convincing readers to try the activity that you enjoy most.
- c) Many people spend a great deal of time with animals. Write about the relationship that people have with animals.
