

NOVEMBER, 2022

Course Title: Introduction to Poetry and Drama

Course Type: Elective

Subject: English

Semester: I

Duration: 2 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Instructions:

- All questions are compulsory, and have internal choice.
- Figures to the right indicate maximum marks allotted.

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1. Write short notes on **any 3** of the following: (3X 5 = 15 marks)
 - a. In the poem, "Mirror" by Sylvia Plath, why are the candles and the moon called liars?
 - b. Write a short note on the figures of speech used in, "When to the Sessions of Sweet Silent Thought".
 - c. Your views on "Hawk Roosting".
 - d. Attempt a character sketch of Torvald Helmer.
 - e. "The Unknown Citizen" and the 21st century.
 2. Write short notes on **any 3** of the following: (3X 5 = 15 marks)
 - a. Depiction of Shylock as a Jew.
 - b. "Snake" as a reflection of human emotions.
 - c. Discuss the character of Portia in the play, "The Merchant of Venice."
 - d. Elaborate on the relationship shared between Antonio and Bassanio.
 - e. "Good fences make good neighbours." Explain.
 3. A. In the poem, "Ode to a Nightingale", describe the world that Keats entered through imagination. (10 marks)

OR

B. Summarise the poem, "Ode to the West Wind," commenting on the stanza form and rhyme scheme it is written in. (10 marks)
 4. A. Analyze the poem, "Dreams Deferred" by Langston Hughes. (10 marks)

OR

B. Analyze the poem, "My Mistress' Eyes". (10 marks)
 5. A. Discuss the casket scenes from the play, "The Merchant of Venice." (10 marks)

OR

B. Discuss Nora's slamming of the door at the end of the play, "A Doll's House." (10 marks)
 6. A. What is a Sonnet? Explain the major types of sonnets in English poetry giving examples from the sonnets you have studied. (10 marks)

OR

B. What are the major elements of a plot? Explain giving an example. (10 marks)
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