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**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

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**First Semester B.A. Degree Examination, November 2014**

**First Degree Programme under CBCSS**

**Core Course: English – I**

**AUEN141: Reading Poetry**

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

**SECTION – A**

*Answer ALL questions each in a word or in a sentence.*

1. Explain hyperbole.
2. Name a metaphysical poet other than John Donne.
3. To whom is Shakespeare's Sonnet No. 18 'Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day?' addressed to?
4. What is the rhyme scheme of an Italian (Petrarchan) Sonnet?
5. Define 'elegy'.
6. Where did Kubla Khan build his magical palace?
7. Why is Lord Byron's "Darkness" interpreted as "Last Man" poem by critics?
8. Why did Robert Frost feel that the 'other' road had 'better claim'?
9. Name the poetess who could 'speak three languages, write in Two, dream in one'.
10. What is the unborn baby's final prayer in "Prayer Before Birth"?

**(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)**

**SECTION – B**

*Answer any EIGHT questions, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.*

11. What is a Ballad?
12. What is Mock Epic?

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13. Write a note on Pastoral Elegy.
14. Why did Porphyria leave the 'gay feast' ?
15. What does 'Winter and Summer' symbolize in 'The Circus Animal's Desertion' ?
16. How does St. George disappoint the girl in "Not my Best Side" ?
17. What is the majority opinion about life in "A Consumer's Report" ?
18. What are the narrator's views about the tank and the bomber in "General – your Tank" ?
19. How is the weather described in the second stanza of "A Subaltern" ?
20. "I am a sinner, I am a saint" : Explain.
21. What is the owl's complaint to the moon in "Elegy written in a Country Church – yard" ?
22. Describe the vision that the poet saw in Kubla Khan ?

**(8 x 2 = 16 Marks)**

### **SECTION – C**

*Answer any SIX questions, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.*

23. Features of the Shakespearean sonnet.
24. Comment on the metaphysical conceits used by Donne in the poem "Valediction: Forbidding Mourning".
25. What is Terza rima ?
26. The central idea of 'A Consumer's Report'.
27. How did the people referred to in "Darkness" react when all their attempts to create light proved futile ?
28. What did Porphyria do after entering the lover's chamber ?
29. Significance of the title "The Road not Taken".
30. Why does the unborn baby in "Prayer Before Death" pray for fresh water, grass, trees, birds and bright light ?
31. How is the girl presented in the poem "Not My Best Side" ?

**(6 x 4 = 24 Marks)**

## SECTION – D

*Answer any TWO questions, each in about 300 words.*

32. Discuss the supernatural atmosphere in the poem “Kubla Khan”.
33. Substantiate the statement, “Frost’s poems begin in delight and end in wisdom” with reference to the poem “The Road not Taken”.
34. Comment on the jocular tone of the poem that covers the feelings of disappointment, anger and bitterness in “A Consumer’s Report”.
35. Attempt a critical analysis of the following poem giving importance to the theme and overall structure, with emphasis on poetic devices.

### *Tonight I can write the Saddest Lines – Pablo Neruda*

Tonight I can write the saddest lines.

Write, for example, ‘The night is shattered  
and the blue stars shiver in the distance.’

The night wind revolves in the sky and sings.

Tonight I can write the saddest lines.

I loved her, and sometimes she loved me too.

Through nights like this one I held her in my arms.

I kissed her again and again under the endless sky.

She loved me, sometimes and I loved her too.

How could one not have loved her great still eyes.

Tonight I can write the saddest lines.

To think that I do not have her. To feel that I have lost her.

To hear the immense night, still more immense without her.

And the verse falls to the soul like dew to the pasture.

What does it matter that my love could not keep her.

The night is shattered and she is not with me.

This is all. In the distance someone is singing. In the distance.

My soul is not satisfied that it has lost her.

My sight searches for her as though to go to her.  
My heart looks for her, and she is not with me.  
The same night whitening the same trees.  
We, of that time, are no longer the same.  
I no longer love her, that's certain, but how I loved her.  
My voice tried to find the wind to touch her hearing.  
Another's. She will be another's. Like my kisses before.  
Her voice. Her bright body. Her infinite eyes.  
I no longer love her, that's certain, but may be I love her.  
Love is so short, forgetting is so long.  
Because through nights like this one I held her in my arms  
My soul is not satisfied that it has lost her.  
Though this be the last pain that she makes me suffer  
and these the last verses that I write for her.

**(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)**

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