

**U.G. 1st Semester Examination - 2020****ENGLISH****Course Code : BENGGEHT3****Course Title: Selections from English Prose and Poems-I**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer any **ten** questions: 1×10=10
- a) Why does the poet describe the soldiers' faces as "grimly gay"?
  - b) Why do the soldiers "creep" back? Why are the roads "half-known"?
  - c) How many times was the Railway clerk's leave application refused?
  - d) What does the Railway clerk complain about his promotion?
  - e) Where did the railway clerk live?
  - f) What type of sonnet is Milton's "On His blindness"?

- g) What does Milton mean by the expression "era half my days"?
- h) Why, according to the poet, does man see 'little in nature'?
- i) "We lay waste our power"—Which 'waste' is described here by the poet?
- j) How does Brutus justify the killing of Caesar to the people of Rome?
- k) "Let him be Caesar." – Who is the speaker and who is referred to as "him"?
- l) How does Antony address the citizens in the beginnings of his speech?
- m) Where was the young woman in "A Cup of Tea" standing when approached by the strange man?
- n) What is the name of the store owner?
- o) What kind of flower does Rosemary like and dislike?

2. Answer any **five** of the following questions: 2×5=10
- a) "Shall they return to beatings of great bells In wild train-loads?" – Who are they? How does the poet describe their return?

- b) Who says “I wish I was a bird” and where? What does the speaker mean here?
- c) What does the railway clerk say about his office desk?
- d) How does the railway clerk spend his time with his friends?
- e) What is meant by “a sordid boon” in the poem “The World is Too Much with Us”?
- f) Why does Rosemary wish to take the poor girl home?
- g) When and where did Rosemary meet the girl? What was her name?
- h) What is the crowd’s reaction to Brutus’s speech?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

5×2=10

- a) Write a short note on Rosemary’s character in Katherine Mansfield’s “A Cup of Tea”.
- b) How, according to William Wordsworth, is the world “too much with us”. Discuss.
- c) “God doth not need  
Either man’s work or his own gifts.”  
Explain with close reference to the context.

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

10×1=10

- a) Wilfred Owen’s “The Send-off” is a poem about the “pity of war”. Discuss in your own words.
- b) Critically examine the dramatic significance of the Forum Scene in William Shakespeare’s *Julius Caesar*.
- c) Write a critical analysis of Nissim Ezekeil’s poem “The Railway Clerk”.

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