

2019

**B.A. 1st Semester Examination**

**ENGLISH (General)**

**Paper : DSC 1A-T**

*Full Marks : 60*

*Time : 3 Hours*

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

1. Answer *any ten* of the followings : 10×2=20

- (a) How did the young soldier know that he stood in hell ?
- (b) What is the truth that the dead soldier wanted to tell the nations ?
- (c) What is meant by 'vain citadels that are not walled' in Owen's 'Strange Meeting' ?
- (d) Why does Keats reject the love of the Bright star for the earth ?

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- (e) Why is the Bright Star called 'Nature's patient, sleepless Eremite' ?
- (f) What does Wordsworth mean by 'the touch of earthly years' ?
- (g) How does Wordsworth depict the death of Lucy in his poem 'A Slumber Did My Spirits Seal' ?
- (h) How does Shekespeare use the image of the compass in sonnet No-116 ?
- (i) Why is 'love' Called 'an ever fixed mark' ?
- (j) What do the dream children say to lamb at the end of the essay ?
- (k) What was the name of Lamb's grandmother ? Where did she live ?
- (l) What stories children love to listen to ? Why do they love to listen the stories ?
- (m) How did Mrs. Thurlow care about her moany ? Where did she keep the money ?

- (n) What was Mrs. Thurlow's brother ? Why did she decide to keep her sons in her brother's care ?
- (o) Why is Mr. Thurlow arrested and punished ?

2. Explain *any four* of the followings : 4×5=20

- (a) 'She now felt as if she were pushing forward into nowhere'.
- (b) 'I missed his kindness, and I missed his crossness, and wished him to be alive again'.
- (c) 'Love's not Time's fool'.
- (d) "Roll'd round in earth's diurnal course with rocks, and stones and trees !"
- (e) Still, still to hear her tender-taken breath. And so live ever, —or else swoon to death'.
- (f) ".....I mean the truth untold, The pity of war, pity war distilled."

3. Attempt *any two* of the questions : 2×10=20

- (a) Bring out the elegiac tone in the poem 'A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal' by Wordsworth.

- (b) Show how Keats presents the dichotomy of life and death in his sonnet 'The Bright Star'.
  - (c) Discuss why Lamb's 'Dream Children' is subtitled as 'A Reverie'.
  - (d) Comment on Bates's use of symbolism in the short story 'The Ox'.
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