

2023

M.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Examination

ENGLISH

Paper – ENG- 203

(Special Exam)

*Full Marks: 40**Time : 2 Hours**The Figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.**Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*A. Answer **any two** of the following questions: 10 x 2

1. How does the image of the 'gyre' in "The Second Coming" explain Yeats's prophetic vision? Discuss.

*Or*

Critically examine Yeats's "Sailing to Byzantium" as a journey from Nature to Art.

2. Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Bavarian Gentians".

*Or*

Discuss the relationship between man and nature as evident in D.H. Lawrence's poem "Snake".

3. Bring out the significance of the title and epigraph of T.S. Eliot's "Marina".

(Or)

Attempt a brief essay on the theme of moral degeneration and spiritual decay in Eliot's "Preludes".

4. Justify the appropriateness of the title of Larkin's poem "Church Going".

(Or)

It has been said that Larkin is "an advocate of misanthropy and pessimism". How far do you agree with this view? Discuss with reference to "The Whitsun Weddings".

- B. Comment on *any four* of the following: 5 x 4

5. "Too long a sacrifice  
Can make a stone of the heart..."
6. "Someone was before me at my water-trough,  
And I, like a second-comer, waiting"
7. "Not every man has gentians in his house  
in Soft September, at slow, Sad Michaelmas."

8. "The winter evening settles down  
With smell of steaks in passageways."
9. Significance of the last line of "Marina"
10. "'Here endeth" much more loudly than I'd meant.  
The echoes snigger briefly."