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**First Semester B.A. Degree Examination, May 2021**

**First Degree Programme under CSS**

**SDE**

**English Language and Literature**

**Core Course — I**

**EN 1141 : READING POETRY**

**(2017 Admission onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence:
  1. What does the speaker mean by "But thy eternal summer shall not fade"?
  2. What type of poem is "A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning"?
  3. What do the church bells announce in Gray's elegy?
  4. What mountain did the maid sing of in "Kubla Khan"?
  5. Why is Macavity called a hidden paw?
  6. What are the two roads in "The Road Not Taken"?
  7. What is dragon's attitude towards the artist?

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8. Yeats was most interested in what form of thought and belief?
9. Who is praying in the poem "A Prayer Before Death"? And from where does he pray?
10. What does the phrase "I am sinner I am saint" mean?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

ii. Answer **any eight** each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. Lyric.
12. What is assonance? Give an example?
13. What is Metaphor? Give an example?
14. Symbol.
15. What is an epitaph? What is the main idea of Gray's epitaph given at the end of the poem?
16. Describe the setting of the poem "Kubla Khan".
17. How does the speaker first assert control over Porphyria?
18. Write a sort note on maiden's monologue in the poem "Not My Best Side".
19. Why does Brecht think that the General's bomb powerful?
20. It is half English, half Hindi, what does this reveal?
21. What type of poem is "A Consumer's Report"?
22. Comment on the poet's plea in the concluding lines of the poem "A Prayer Before Birth".

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six** each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.

23. Epic.

24. Spenserian Stanza

25. Describe the poetic structure of sonnet 18.

26. Subjective and objective poetry.

27. Describe Browning's use of irony in "Porphyria's Lover".

28. How does Byron express his contempt for men in "Darkness"?

29. How does Sassoon depict the image of war in the poem, "A Subaltern".

30. "A Consumer's Report" as a poem of satire.

31. Comment on the significance of the title "The Road Not Taken".

**(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)**

IV. Answer any **two** (choosing one from 32, 33 & 34; question 35 is compulsory), each in about **300** words :

32. Write an appreciation of John Donne's "A valediction: Forbidding Mourning".

33. "Is The Circus Animals' Desertion" an entirely hopeless, negative poem? Explain why from both rhetorical and symbolic perspectives.

34. Describe the depiction of modern world in the poem "A Prayer Before Death".

35. Write a critical analysis of the poem giving importance to the theme and overall structure, with emphasis on figures of speech and other poetic devices.

How soon hath Time, the subtle thief of youth,  
Stol'n on his wing my three-and-twentieth year!  
My hasting days fly on with full career,  
But my late spring no bud or blossom shew'th.  
Perhaps my semblance might deceive the truth  
That I to manhood am arriv'd so near  
And inward ripeness doth much less appear,  
That some more timely-happy spirits endu'th.  
Yet be it less or more, or soon or slow,  
It shall be still in strictest measure ev'n  
To that same lot, however mean or high,  
Toward which Time leads me, and the will of Heav'n:  
All is, if I have grace to use it so  
As ever in my great Task- Master's eye.

**(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)**