

**SECOND SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024****(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)****ENGLISH****GENG2B02T: APPRECIATING POETRY****Time: 2 ½ Hours****Maximum Marks: 80****SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.****(Ceiling 25 Marks)**

1. Define prosody.
2. What does Milton mean by the term 'Talents'?
3. What is metaphysical poetry?
4. Explain the significance of the title "Tonight I write the saddest lines".
5. Who is a femme fatale?
6. Give two examples of literary ballads.
7. 'Stonemasons give stones flowers' Elaborate.
8. Why does Pope address man as presumptuous?
9. What does it mean to say that the river's eyes were painted blue on maps?
10. Discuss the context in which the poem "A Valediction Forbidding Mourning" was written?
11. Who is referred to as an 'Irish vessel' and why?
12. What does 'harmonious madness' refer to?
13. Why did the speaker of "Anniversaries of War" take his children to the mound?
14. Explain 'a heart...too soon made glad'.
15. What does the 'crystal stair' represent in "Mother to Son"?

**SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks.****(Ceiling 35 Marks)**

16. Write a short note on couplets.
17. Why does Auden say 'poetry makes nothing happen'?
18. Comment on the closing lines of Shakespeare's sonnet.
19. 'Love is so short, forgetting is so long'—Explain.
20. Discuss the images of cultural alienation in "Without Title" by Diane Glancey.
21. "Homeward" is a poem about a diminished culture. Argue.

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22. Write a note of appreciation on the following poem:

At lunchtime I bought a huge orange—  
The size of it made us all laugh.  
I peeled it and shared it with Robert and Dave—  
They got quarters and I had a half.  
And that orange, it made me so happy,  
As ordinary things often do  
Just lately. The shopping. A walk in the park.  
This is peace and contentment. It's new.  
The rest of the day was quite easy.  
I did all the jobs on my list  
And enjoyed them and had some time over.  
I love you. I'm glad I exist.

23. Comment on the metrical scheme and the devices employed in the lines below:

A thing of beauty is a joy for ever:  
Its loveliness increases; it will never  
Pass into nothingness; but still will keep  
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep  
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.

**SECTION C: Answer any *two* questions. Each carries *ten* marks.**

24. Analyze Nazim Hikmet's poem "Some Advice to Those who will Serve Time in Prison" as an example of prison literature.
25. How does Cohen portray the desperation of the lover?
26. What is rhyme in poetry? Elaborate the significance of rhymes in traditional poetry with examples.
27. Discuss "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" as an example of the ballad form.

**(2 x 10 = 20 Marks)**