

2018/SEM/ODD/ENGP-101/358

TDC Odd Semester Exam., 2018

ENGLISH

( Pass )

( 1st Semester )



Course No. : ENGP-101

( Poetry and Applied Language Skills )

Full Marks : 50

Pass Marks : 17

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions

Answer all questions

UNIT—I

( Marks : 25 )

1. Answer any two of the following questions :

10×2=20

- (a) How does Milton lament over his blindness in the poem, *On His Blindness*? What conclusion does he finally arrive at?

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(b) Briefly describe the morning beauty of the city of London as portrayed in the poem, *Upon Westminster Bridge*.

(c) Write a note on the use of supernatural element in *La Belle Dame sans Merci*.

(d) How does Walt Whitman commemorate the death of Abraham Lincoln in the poem, *O Captain! My Captain!* ?

2. Explain with reference to the context any *one* of the following :

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(a) Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
Admit impediments. Love is not love  
which alters when it alteration finds,  
or bends with the remover to remove.

(b) And there she lullèd me asleep,  
And there I dreamed-ah! woe betide!  
The latest dream I ever dreamed  
On the cold hill's side.

(c) Exult, O shores, and ring, O bells!  
But I, with mournful tread,  
Walk the deck my Captain lies,  
Fallen cold and dead.

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UNIT—II

( Marks : 25 )



3. Give a précis of the following passage : 10

Citizenship goes far beyond voting, paying taxes, sitting on a jury, and the other duties expected by a nation from its members. Properly conceived, it involves all a man's actions which touch his fellow-citizens, and affect the health and well being of the state; it is almost coextensive with his duty to his neighbour. It includes everything which the law requires but also many duties about which it is silent and which are left to the individual conscience. It is not passive, not mere abstention from uncivic conduct. It is active. "We regard the man who holds aloof from public duties not as 'quiet' but useless."

"Public life is a situation of power and energy; he trespasses against his duty who sleeps upon his watch as well as he that goes over to the enemy." The ideal state is one where every citizen is determined to be a part of the community, to share its burdens, to put its interest before his own, to sacrifice, if need be, his own wishes, convenience, time, and money to it. It is a machine of which no part is idle, or inefficient, none

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rusted, broken or ill-fitting, in which each pulley and cog takes up its full share of the load, and plays its part in the swift and smooth running of the whole. A man who evades his taxes, is so far, a bad citizen, but so is one who, in giving a vote for Parliament, thinks only of his private interests, or is too indifferent or lazy to vote at all; so is the bad employer whose treatment of his employees is not only a breach of the moral law, but adds to the social problems of the country; so are workmen who strike for some private interest when the existence of their country is at stake; so is the man who would be useful in local government but evades the burden, not because he cannot, but because he will not, spare the time.

4. Write an essay in about 200 words on any *one* of the following topics :

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- (a) Uses and abuses of Internet
- (b) Environmental pollution
- (c) A visit to a historical place in Assam
- (d) Job-oriented education
- (e) If I were a millionaire



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5. Punctuate the following :

there is among the records of newton the following sentences in the spirit of shakespeare i seem to have been only a boy playing on the sea shore and diverting myself in finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.

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