

**2019/EVEN/ENGP-201/192**

**TDC Even Semester Exam., 2019**

**ENGLISH**

**( Pass )**

**( 2nd Semester )**

Course No. : ENGP-201

**( Poetry and Short Story )**



Full Marks : 50

Pass Marks : 17

Time : 2 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

**UNIT—I**

**( Poetry )**

**( Marks : 25 )**

**1. Answer any two of the following questions :**

**10×2=20**

- (a) Describe the living conditions, rituals and religious faith of the Indian villagers as reflected in Nissim Ezekiel's *Night of the Scorpion*.

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- (b) Comment on the central idea of the poem, *Lotus* by Toru Dutt.
- (c) Discuss Kamala Das' *My Grandmother's House* as a confessional poem.
- (d) Write a critical appreciation of Jayanta Mahapatra's poem, *Lost*.
- (e) Describe the poet's use of irony in the poem, *A River* by A. K. Ramanujan.

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

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(a) "..... And Flora gave the lotus, 'rose-red'  
dyed,  
And 'lily-white',—the queenliest flower  
that blows."

(b) "... I watched the flame feeding on my  
mother.  
I watched the holy man perform his  
rites  
to tame the poison with an incantation.  
After twenty hours  
it lost its sting."

(c) "... I who have lost  
My way and beg now at strangers'  
doors to  
Receive love, at least in small change?"

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UNIT—II

( Short Story )

( Marks : 25 )

3. Answer any two of the following questions :

10×2=20

- (a) "Romance at short notice was her speciality." Analyse the character of Vera in the light of the statement.
- (b) Comment on the thematic concern(s) of the story, *After Twenty Years* written by O' Henry.
- (c) Bring out the character sketch of the Banker as you find in the story, *The Bet*.
- (d) Write a note on the element of satire in *The Lawley Road*.

4. Answer any one of the following questions :

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- (a) Write a brief note on R. K. Narayan's prose style with reference to *The Lawley Road*.
- (b) Write a brief note on the significance of the window in the short story, *The Open Window*.
- (c) What happened to Bob at the end of the story, *After Twenty Years*?

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