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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

B.A. (First Semester) EXAMINATION

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2025

ENGLISH (OPTIONAL)

Paper-II

(Understanding Poetry in English)

(Friday, 28-11-2025)

Time : 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Time—2 Hours

Maximum Marks—50

N.B. :— (i) *All questions are compulsory.*

(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*

1. Explain the theme of Milton's Sonnet 'On His Blindness'. 10

Or

Write the critical appreciation of the poem 'Remember' by Christina Rossetti.

2. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem 'Truth-Ballad of Good Counsel'. 10

Or

Discuss the central idea of the poem 'The Ballad of Reading Gaol'.

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3. What is the message in the poem 'Ode to Duty' ? 10

Or

Describe the role of the west wind as the destroyer and preserver.

4. Write a critical appreciation of Thomas Gray's 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard'. 10

Or

Write a critical note on the theme of Donne's 'Elegy III : Change'.

5. Write short notes on any *two* of the following (*one* from each group) : 10

Group A :

- (i) Types of Poetry
- (ii) Sonnet.

Group B :

- (i) The Elizabethan Poetry
- (ii) The Romantic Poetry.

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