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**B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, APRIL 2016**

**Fourth Semester**

**B.A. English**

**Core Course—READING POETRY**

**(Common for all B.A. English Programmes)**

**[2013 Admission onwards]**

**Time : Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**Part A**

*Answer all questions in one or two sentences each.  
Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. What is Heroic couplet ?
2. What is a Sonnet ?
3. What is an Ode ?
4. What is the theme of the Sonnet No. 146 ?
5. What is the setting of the poem "The Sun Rising" ?
6. What is invocation in an epic poem ?
7. What is the theme of the poem "Late Tutorial" ?
8. What is the symbolic significance of the poem "The Mystic Drum" ?
9. What is the theme of the poem "Father Returning Home" ?
10. What is the disillusionment expressed in the poem Where are the woods, children ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

**Part B**

*Answer any eight of the following questions, each in about 50 words.  
Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. Comment on the significance of the title of the poem "Hunger".
12. How do the tulips transform the poet's mind from feeling of numbness to throbbing vitality ?
13. Comment on the significance of the title of the poem "I'm Getting Old Now".
14. What is the racial conflict expressed in the poem "To My First White Hairs" ?
15. What is Whitman's view of death expressed in the poem 'Gods' ?
16. Comment on the confessional intimacy in the poem "Tonight I can write the Saddest Lines".

**Turn over**

17. What are the major themes that Walcott explores in the poem "the Sea Chantey" ?
18. Consider the poem "Ode on the Death of a Favourite Cat" as a mock-heroic poem.
19. What kind of person was the Duke in "My Last Duchess" ?
20. What is the subject of the poem "The Scholar Gypsy" ?
21. Explain the spiritual significance of the poem "The Journey of the Magi".
22. Explain the title of the poem "My Craft or Sullen Art".

(8 × 2 = 16)

### Part C

*Answer any six of the following questions in Short Paragraph of 100 words each.  
Each question carries 4 marks.*

23. What is dramatic monologue ?
24. What is Alliteration ? Give example.
25. What is Simile ? Give example.
26. What is Metaphor ? What are the different types of metaphors ?
27. What is an Elegy ?
28. What is the pessimism that pervades the poem "What I Expected Was..." ?
29. What is the structure of the poem "Venice" ?
30. How is the happiness of the Skylark different from that of man ?
31. How do the tulips disturb the poetess ?

(6 × 4 = 24)

### Part D

*Answer any two of the following questions in Short Essays of about 300 words each.  
Each question carries 15 marks.*

32. In the "Immortality Ode" Wordsworth gives his complete account of the balance sheet of maturity as he saw it. Discuss.
33. Trace out the evolution of thought and bring out the symbolism in "Sailing to Byzantium".
34. Describe how "The Invocation" successfully reveal the central theme and other features of the epic "Paradise Lost".
35. Write an essay on the nature and the language of poetry.

(2 × 15 = 30)