

503/Eng.(N)

UG/5th Sem/ENG-MIN-T-501/25

U.G. 5th Semester Examination - 2025

ENGLISH

[MINOR]

Course Code : ENG-MIN-T-501

(Poetry and Drama)

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Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their
own words as far as practicable.*

UNIT-I

[Marks:25]

1. Answer any **five** of the following questions: $2 \times 5 = 10$
 - a) Elucidate the metaphorical transmutation suggested in the line—"Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang."
 - b) To what end does the poet use nautical imagery in the second stanza of the poem "The Good Morrow"?
 - c) How does the weather in the opening lines of the poem "Porphyria's Lover" reflect the speaker's state of mind?
 - d) What do you understand by 'Spiritus Mundi'?

[Turn over]

- e) "Courage was mine, and I had mystery; Wisdom was mine, and I had mystery."—Locate and annotate the extract.
- f) What does 'God's Lioness' signify in the poem "Ariel"?
- g) Explain the imagery of snakes moving among the books in the poem "My Grandmother's House".
- h) What does the ritual of death signify in the poem "Small Towns and the River"?

If the student answers question no. 2 from GROUP A, she must choose question no. 3 from Group B and vice versa.

GROUP-A

- 2. Answer any **one** of the following questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$
 - a) Discuss the significance of the last couplet of sonnet 73.
 - b) What does the speaker reveal about himself through his monologue in the poem "Porphyria's Lover"?
- 3. Answer any **one** of the following questions: $10 \times 1 = 10$
 - a) How does the poet establish his argument with the help of metaphysical conceits in the poem "The Good Morrow"?

- b) Analyse "The Second Coming" as a Modernist poem.

GROUP-B

- 2. Answer any **one** of the following questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$
 - a) Comment on the significance of the title "Ariel".
 - b) Write a short note on the use of imagery of the river in the poem "Small Towns and the River".
- 3. Answer any **one** of the following questions: $10 \times 1 = 10$
 - a) Discuss "Strange Meeting" as an anti-war poem.
 - b) How does the poem "My Grandmother's House" create a profound sense of loss, nostalgia and a deep yearning for emotional security?

UNIT-II

[Marks:15]

If the student answers question no. 4 from GROUP A, she must choose question no. 5 from Group B and vice versa.

GROUP-A

- 4. Answer any **one** of the following questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$
 - a) Elaborate how the first meeting between Raina and Bluntschli sets the stage for the thematic development of the play.

- b) What role does Louka play in challenging class structure and Romantic ideals? Discuss with reference to key incidents in the play.

5. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

10×1=10

- a) Critically discuss the title of *Arms and the Man*.
b) Discuss the character of Captain Bluntschli.

GROUP-B

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions: 5×1=5

- a) How does Mahesh Dattani use the metaphor of "the mask" in the play *Bravely Fought the Queen*?
b) What does the bonsai symbolise in the play *Bravely Fought the Queen*?

5. Answer any **one** of the following questions: 10×1=10

- a) Justify the title *Bravely Fought the Queen*.
b) Discuss the role of Baa in the play *Bravely Fought the Queen*. How does her past suffering shape the behaviour and choices of Jiten, Nitin, and the women in the Trivedi household?