

2026

(Regular)

English (Core)

Paper Code : EN-CE-2114

Paper Name : Language & Literature

Time : 2½ hours

Full Marks : 60

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

1. Answer the following questions : 1×7=7
 - a) What literary form does Milton use in *On His Blindness* ?
 - b) What image does Yeats use to describe the loss of control in *The Second Coming* ?
 - c) Give an example of oxymoron.
 - d) What does the horse do when the speaker stops in *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* ?
 - e) What is the structure of a Shakespearean sonnet ?
 - f) "Tyger tyger _____ bright/In the forests of the night. (Fill in the blank)
 - g) Identify the figure of speech in "Beauty is truth, truth beauty".
2. Answer the following questions : 2×4=8
 - a) What is the key characteristic of a hyperbole ?
 - b) What is metonymy ? Give an example.
 - c) What does 'burning bright' signify in the first line of *The Tyger*?
 - d) 'In heaven we all shall meet!' Who said this and why ?
3. Answer *any three* of the following questions : 5×3=15
 - a) What is amplification ? Amplify the proverb : "The pen is mightier than the sword."

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- b) The Rotary Club, Guwahati is organizing a charity music concert to support the underprivileged. As the Secretary of the Club, draft a formal invitation for the event to be held on 20 October 2026 at Hotel Taj Guwahati from 7 P.M. onwards.
 - c) Write a short note on the images and symbols employed in the poem *The Second Coming*.
 - d) Bring out the essence of Toru Dutt's poem *Sita*.
 - e) Discuss, in brief, the theme of symmetry in Blake's *The Tyger* and comment on the meaning of "fearful symmetry".
 - f) Write a note on the symbolic significance of blindness in *On His Blindness*.
4. Answer **any three** of the following questions: 10×3=30
- a) You are the Principal of Government Model College, Nagaon. Write a speech, in 250-300 words, to be delivered in your college annual function on the importance of time management for students.
 - b) Write an essay on the topic : 'Advantages and Disdvantages of Online Education' or 'The Role of Sports in Improving Physical and Mental Health'.
 - c) Examine how Emily Dickinson explores the themes of fear, vulnerability and the unsettling nature of the unknown in *A Narrow Fellow in the Grass*.
 - d) Critically examine Yeats' vision of the future as presented in *The Second Coming*.
 - e) Discuss how Keats uses imagery and sensory details to evoke the beauty and abundance of autumn in *Ode to Autumn*.
 - f) Write a note on the symbolic significance of the title, *Still I Rise*.

