

Jadavpur University
BA EXAMINATION, 2025
Second Year Second Semester (Supplementary)
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
SEC: Close Reading

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 30

Answer question no. 5 (compulsory) and *any two* of the other questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss how the poems "To His Coy Mistress" and "Corinna's Going A-Maying" show different approaches to the *carpe diem* motif.
2. Critically comment on the following excerpt:

Awake for ever in a sweet unrest,
Still, still to hear her tender-taken breath,
And so live ever—or else swoon to death.

3. Discuss the concepts of Immortality and Eternity as portrayed in the poem "Because I could not stop for Death ..."
4. (a) Discuss "The Fly" as a meditation on loss and trauma.

OR

(b) Critically explore the narrator's attitude towards the local Burmese population and the colonizers in "Shooting an Elephant."

5. Identify and discuss in detail the following excerpt:

"The truth is rarely pure and never simple. Modern life would be very tedious if it were either, and modern literature a complete impossibility!"
