

**BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2019**

**First Year First Semester**

**GENERAL ELECTIVE**

**An Introduction to Poetry**

Time: Two hours

Full marks: 30

**Group A**

Answer *any two* of the following.

(10 X 2 = 20)

1. In addition to his past as a wife-murderer, what personal traits of the Duke are revealed in Robert Browning's "My Last Duchess"? Substantiate your answer with suitable textual illustrations.
2. How does Andrew Marvell develop the idea of *carpe diem* in his poem "To His Coy Mistress"?
3. 'The dominant mood in Tennyson's poems is elegiac, expressive of a poignant sense of loss.' Comment with reference to his poem "Ulysses."
4. Do you think that Shakespeare's Sonnet 130 is anti-Petrarchan? Justify your answer with reference to the text.
5. Comment on Alexander Pope's use of supernatural machinery in Canto I of *The Rape of the Lock*.

**Group B**

6. Explain *any two* of the following with reference to the context.

(5 X 2 = 10)

- (a) The worlds revolve like ancient women  
Gathering fuel in vacant lots.
- (b) The music in my heart I bore,  
Long after it was heard no more.
- (c) Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st.
- (d) Th' inferior priestess, at her altar's side,  
Trembling, begins the sacred rites of pride.