

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY  
BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2023  
First Year First Semester  
ENGLISH  
GENERAL ELECTIVE: INTRODUCTION TO POETRY

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 30

Answer *any two* questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. What do you think Atwood is trying to say about power in relationships in “Marrying the Hangman”?
2. Examine *any two* love poems addressed to his wife by AK Ramanujan as explorations of the complexity of marriage.
3. “Dub poetry is powerfully used by Linton K. Johnson for political critique.” Discuss “Inglan is a Bitch” and “Sonny’s Lettah” in the light of this statement.
4. Write an essay on the major themes in Sylvia Plath’s “Daddy.”
5. “Witi Ihimaera’s “Dinner with the Cannibal” uses the imagery of a formal dinner to talk about the brutality of the colonial experience for Maoris.” Elaborate.
6. In what way do the climate change poems you have read present the effects of modern civilization on the environment?
7. Attempt a critical appreciation of *either* “Whale Watching” by Sandy Shreve *or* “Spring and Fall” by G.M. Hopkins.