



The Islamia University of Bahawalpur

(Bahawalnagar Campus)

Department of English

BS English, 1st Semester (Evening)

Terminal Examination

Subject: Introduction to Literature I

Course Instructor: Ms. Farhana Shamim

Course Code: 00106

Time Allowed: 30 mins. Total Marks: 20

Name: _____

Roll No: _____

Objective

1 Encircle the correct option. Selecting more than one options or cutting will cancel the answer. 10

- i. Which type of sonnet has the rhyme scheme abbaabbacdecde?
a) Italian Sonnet b) English Sonnet c) Spenserian Sonnet
- ii. Who is the writer of "On His Blindness"?
a) William Shakespeare b) Thomas Gray c) John Milton
- iii. What type of poetry is an Epic?
a) Narrative b) Descriptive c) Lyric
- iv. How many lines a quatrain has?
a) 2 b) 8 c) 4
- v. Which age John Keats belonged to?
a) Modern b) Romantic c) Victorian
- vi. Who is the author of *The Bear*?
a) Sophocles b) Alexander Pope c) Anton Checkov
- vii. Who has died at the beginning of *Antigone*?
a) Oedipus and Jocasta b) Creon and Theseus c) Antigone and Haemon
- viii. Which poem starts with the line "O what can ail thee, knight-at-arms"?
a) La Belle Dame Sans Merci b) An Elegy Written in the Country Churchyard c) The Silken Tent
- ix. What does "Ere" mean in the line "Ere half my days in this dark world and wide"?
a) Then b) After c) Before
- x. How is Prophyria killed in "My Last Duchess"?
a) She is stabbed b) She is drowned c) She is strangled

2. Answer the following short questions.

5x2=10

- i. Differentiate between the Shakespearean and the Spenserian sonnet.
- ii. Who is the unnamed speaker who comes across the knight at the beginning of the poem “
La Belle Dame Sans Merci”?
- iii. What is the theme of *The Bear*?
- iv. Who were among the famous graduates of Eton mentioned in Gray's "Elegy"?
- v. What type of Ode is “Ode to Autumn”? Give two reasons for your answer.



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1. Read the poem and answer the questions given below.

5x3=15

She is as in a field a silken tent
At midday when the sunny summer breeze
Has dried the dew and all its ropes relent,
So that in guys it gently sways at ease,
And its supporting central cedar pole,
That is its pinnacle to heavenward
And signifies the sureness of the soul,
Seems to owe naught to any single cord,
But strictly held by none, is loosely bound
By countless silken ties of love and thought
To every thing on earth the compass round,
And only by one's going slightly taut
In the capriciousness of summer air
Is of the slightest bondage made aware.

Questions

- Write the title and author of the poem.
- What type and sub-type of poem is it? Give three reasons for your answer.
- What is the theme of the poem?
- Take out examples of at least three figures of speech from this poem.
- What is the rhyme scheme of the poem if any?

- 2. Answer any one of the following long questions. Critical understanding and textual references will get you extra marks. 15**

Much critical debate has centred on why Antigone felt such a strong need to bury Polynices a second time in the play, when the initial pouring of dust over her brother's body would have fulfilled her religious obligations. What is your take on it?

OR

Why does the poem "Ode to the West Wind" praise the West Wind? Discuss the symbolic significance of the title.

Good luck!