

U.G. 1st Semester Examination - 2021**ENGLISH****Course Code : BENGGEHT3****Course Title: Selections from English Prose and Poems-I**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer any **ten** questions: $1 \times 10 = 10$
- "When I consider how my light is spent"—What is meant by 'light'?
 - What type of sonnet is "On His Blindness"?
 - What does Milton mean by the expression "era half my days"?
 - How many times was the railway clerk's leave application rejected?
 - What is the meaning of the phrase "the world is too much with us"?
 - Why does man see "little in nature" according to the poet?

- What does the poet call a "sordid boon"?
- "A few, a few, too few for drums and yells." Why does the poet use the word "few" for three times?
- Why does the poet say "they were not ours"?
- What is the meaning of the phrase "the send-off"?
- When and where did Rosemary meet the girl? What was her name?
- What is the name of the store owner?
- Who was Brutus?
- "Let him be Caesar."—Who is the speaker and who is referred to as him?
- What is the crowd's reaction to Brutus's speech?

2. Answer any **five** of the following questions: $2 \times 5 = 10$
- "I wish I was a bird" — Who is the speaker? Why is the speaker wishing so?
 - What does the railway clerk say about his office desk?
 - Why does Rosemary wish to take the poor girl home?

- d) Who are the main characters in "The Snows of Kilimanjaro"?
- e) What is the crowd's reaction to Brutus's speech?
- f) "Shall they return to beatings of great bells/ In wild train-load?" — Who are they? How does the poet describe their return?
- g) Why does Wordsworth refer to Triton in "The World Is too Much with Us"?
- h) "But Brutus says he was ambitious" — Who was ambitious according to Brutus? Do you agree?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

5×2=10

- a) Explain with reference to the context :
Dull porters watched them, and a casual tramp
Stood staring hard,
Sorry to miss them from the upland camp.
Then, unmoved, signals nodded, and a lamp
Winked to the guard.
- b) Explain with reference to the context :
Great God! I'd rather be
A Pagan suckled in a creed outworn;

So might I, standing on this pleasant lea,
Have glimpses that would make me less
forlorn;
Have sight of Proteus rising from the sea;
Or hear old Triton blow his wreathed horn.

c) Explain with reference to the context :

“A few, a few, too few for drums and yells/May
creep back, silent....”

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

10×1=10

- a) Analyse the significance of Forum Scene in *Julius Caesar*.
- b) Describe Owen's “The Send-off” as the anti-war poem.
- c) Briefly examine the significance of the title of "A Cup of Tea".
