

2016

ENGLISH
(General)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions

[English (Major) students shall answer
Question Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6, while other
students shall answer Question Nos. 1 to 5]

1. (a) Critically assess Blake's treatment
of the idea of innocence in the poem,
The Lamb. 10

Or

- (b) Draw a picture of dawn at Puri as
portrayed in Mahapatra's poem, *Dawn
at Puri*. 10

Or

- (c) Discuss the major theme of the poem,
Harlem. 10

2. (a) How does the poet describe the
punishment of the girl in the poem,
Punishment? What is the poet's reaction
to the punishment? 6+4=10

Or

- (b) Give a description of the solitary reaper's song. What was its effect on the poet? 7+3=10

Or

- (c) Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem, *This Is a Photograph of Me*. 10

3. Answer any *two* of the following : 5×2=10

- (a) Examine Wole Soyinka's treatment of racism in his poem, *Telephone Conversation*.

- (b) What are the probable themes of the song of the solitary reaper?

- (c) What does the poet mean when he says
 "Maybe it just sags
 like a heavy load
 Or does it explode"?

- (d) How does Heaney comment on the culture and human nature of Ireland through the poem, *Punishment*?

4. Answer the following as directed (any *five*) : 1×5=5

- (a) He went to Kolkata yesterday, _____

(Add a tag question)

(b) Please open the door, _____
(Add a tag question)

(c) There is _____ hourly bus service on this route.
(Fill with appropriate determiner)

(d) Saswati was adjudged _____ best debater.
(Fill with appropriate determiner)

(e) I found _____ one rupee coin on the road.
(Fill with appropriate determiner)

(f) Sudip is reading a novel.
(Change into passive voice)

(g) Let the work be done without delay.
(Change into active voice)

5. Change the form of narration (any five) : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(a) He said, "Alas! The man is dead."

(b) Utpal said, "Let us play cricket."

(c) I asked Rishav, "What are you going to do with your old guitar?"

(d) Bubul asked me if I could swim.

(e) She told me that she wanted to go with me.

(f) Shweta requested me to give her a glass of water.

(g) Dev advised me not to go to the market after dark.

6. For English (Major) students in lieu of Question Nos. 4 and 5. Answer any one : 10

(a) What is the central theme of *The Sleepwalkers' Ballad*? Discuss.

(b) Critically comment on Agha Shahid Ali's treatment of loss and longing in the poem, *Postcard from Kashmir*.
