2024

2nd Semester Examination (CCFUP: NEP) ENGLISH

Paper: MJ B1-T (Multidisciplinary Major)
(Poetry and Short Story)

Full Marks: 60 Time: Three Hours

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

Group - A

Answer any *five* questions: $2 \times 5 = 10$

- 1. Why is true love compared to a lighthouse in Shakespeare's Sonnet 116?
- 2. What does the word "slumber" metaphorically refer to in the poem "A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal"?
- 3. What does the title "La Belle Dame sans Merci" mean in English?
- 4. Who is the speaker in "Strange Meeting" and whom does he meet?
- 5. How does the boss react to the news about Mr. Woodifield's daughters visiting Belgium in "The Fly"?

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- 6. What personal loss has the boss suffered in "The Fly"?
- 7. Why did Mrs. Thurlow save money secretly in H. E. Bates' story "The Ox"?
- 8. What was the sole entertainment for Mrs. Thurlow in "The Ox"?

Group - B

Answer any *four* questions. $5 \times 4 = 20$

- Explain: "Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks / Within his bending sickle's compass come:".
- 10. Justify the title of the poem "A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal".
- 11. Explain the portrayal of the supernatural in the poem "La Belle Dame sans Merci".
- 12. Explain how "Strange Meeting" challenges the traditional view of war as noble and heroic.
- 13. Analyze the boss's relationship with his dead son in "The Fly".
- 14. Comment critically on the ending of the story "The Ox".

Group - C

Answer any *three* questions. $10 \times 3 = 30$

15. Examine Shakespeare's use of imagery in Sonnet 116.

- 16. "A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal" is an example of Wordsworth's view of the connection between humans and nature. Discuss.
- 17. Critically analyze the theme of unrequited love in "La Belle Dame sans Merci".
- 18. How does Mansfield use symbolism to convey the psychological struggle of the boss in "The Fly"?
- 19. Sketch the character of Mrs. Thurlow in H. E. Bates's short story "The Ox".