



বিদ্যাসাগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়  
**VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

**Question Paper**

**B.A./B.Com. General Examinations 2020**

**(Under CBCS Pattern)**

**Semester - I**

**Subject: ENGLISH - I**

**Paper: (AECC-CORE)**

**Full Marks : 60**

**Time : 3 Hours**

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**Option A**

**British Poetry – 1**

Answer any *three* of the following questions :

3×20=60

1. Write a critical analysis of Sonnet 18 (“Shall I Compare Thee”) by William Shakespeare.
2. Critically analyse “Batter My Heart” by John Donne as a metaphysical poem.
3. Assess the devotional elements in Milton’s sonnet “On His Blindness”.
4. What is the theme of the poem “A Poison Tree” by William Blake? Discuss.

5. Attempt a critical appreciation of “To the Skylark”.
6. Discuss “Ode to Autumn” by John Keats as a ‘Romantic’ poem.

**Option B**

**Language, Variety and Stylistics**

Answer any *three* of the following questions :

3×20=60

1. Bring out the characteristic features of language with suitable illustrations.
  2. Attempt an essay on the distinctive features of human language, comparing it with other non-human forms of communication.
  3. What is ‘variety’ in socio-linguistics? Comment on the differences between standard and non-standard use of language.
  4. What are the characteristic features of formal language? How does formal language differ from informal language?
  5. What is collocation? Discuss different types of collocation.
  6. What is ‘register’ in socio-linguistics? Discuss the different language registers with suitable examples.
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