



বিদ্যাসাগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

**VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

**B.A. General Examination 2021**

(CBCS)

**1st Semester**

**ENGLISH**

**PAPER—DSC1AT / DSC2AT**

**POETRY AND SHORT STORY**

*Full Marks : 60*

*Time : 3 Hours*

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.*

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

**Group - A**

Answer any *four* questions.

4×12

1. Write an essay on the idea of love as expressed by Shakespeare in his Sonnet 116.
2. Analyse Shakespeare's use of imagery in Sonnet 116.

3. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem "A Slumber did my Spirit Seal".
4. Comment on Wilfred Owen's "Strange Meeting" as a war poem.
5. Bring out the significance of the title of Owen's poem "Strange Meeting".
6. Write a character sketch of Mrs. Thurlow.
7. Explain the title of the short story "The Ox" by H. E. Bates.
8. Comment on Bates' use of symbolism in his short-story "The Ox".

**Group – B**

Answer any *six* questions.

6×2

9. Explain briefly – "It is an ever-fixed mark"
10. Comment on the concluding concept of Shakespeare's Sonnet no 116.
11. Explain the phrase "earth's diurnal course".
12. Mention the figure of speech in "A slumber did my spirit seal".
13. "I am the enemy you killed, my friend" – Who is the speaker here? Why does he identify his enemy as his friend?
14. What is the meaning of the phrase 'truth untold' in the poem "Strange Meeting"?
15. What was the sole entertainment for Mrs. Thurlow?
16. Why did Mrs. Thurlow save money secretly?
17. What crime did Mr. Thurlow commit?
18. Briefly comment on the ending of "The Ox".