2024

ENGLISH — MDC

Paper : CC-1

[Introduction to English Literature (Poetry)]

Full Marks: 75

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

1. Answer any one of the following (within 600 words):

15×1

- (a) Critically trace the growth of Metaphysical poetry in English literature with special reference to John Donne.
- (b) Comment on the features of Romantic poetry.
- (c) Consider T. S. Eliot as a modern poet.
- 2. Write a short note on any one of the following (within 200 words):

5×1

- (a) Paradise Lost
- (b) Amoretti
- (c) W. B. Yeats.

Group - B

3. Answer any three of the following (each within 600 words):

15×3

- (a) Comment on the theme of ageing in Shakespeare's sonnet 73.
- (b) Discuss John Donne's 'The Sun Rising' as a love poem.
- (c) Attempt a critical appreciation of 'To Autumn'.
- (d) Consider W. B. Yeats's 'The Second Coming' as a modern poem.
- (e) Comment on the animal imagery in Ted Hughes' 'Crow's Fall'.
- 4. Answer any two of the following (each within 200 words):

5×2

- (a) Explain the first four lines of Shakespeare's sonnet 73.
- (b) Why does the speaker call the sun 'Busy old fool' or 'Saucy pedantic wretch'?
- (c) Explain any two images as found in 'To Autumn'.
- (d) Explain the idea of the 'gyre' in "The Second Coming".
- (e) "But the sun brightened-/ It brightened, and Crow returned charred black". Explain.