

U.G. 2nd Semester Examination - 2022**ENGLISH****[PROGRAM]****Course Code : BENGCCRT 201****Course Title : Selections from English Poems,
Plays and Short Stories**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

1×10=10

- a) What is the central symbol used in the short story 'The Ox'?
- b) What is the Christian name of Mrs. Thurlow?
- c) What did Mrs. Thurlow usually see in her dreams?
- d) "She had one relaxation."—What was the 'one relaxation' for Mrs. Thurlow?

- e) "So long lives this, and this gives life to thee"—What does 'this' refer to in Shakespeare's 'Sonnet no. 18'?
- f) "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day"—who is referred to as 'thee' in the sonnet?
- g) What is the setting of the play *The Rising of the Moon*?
- h) Why did the sergeant stop the man from singing songs in *The Rising of the Moon*?
- i) Name the ballads that the Sergeant used to sing in his youth.
- j) What is the setting of the poem 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree'?
- k) How many rows of beans does the poet hope to plant in Innisfree?
- l) Why does the moon appear 'pale' in Shelley's poem 'To the Moon'?
- m) What is the meaning of the phrase 'gauzy veil'?
- n) "And one clear call for me"—What is meant by the 'clear call' in Tennyson's 'Crossing the Bar'?

- o) What is suggested by 'Twilight and evening bell'?

2. Answer any **five** of the following questions:

2×5=10

- a) What is the symbolic importance of the bicycle in 'The Ox'?
- b) Give a very short account of Mrs. Thurlow.
- c) "And every *fair* from *fair* sometime declines"—Write the meaning of the two italicized words.
- d) Why does not the speaker want to compare 'thee' to 'a summer's day' in Shakespeare's 'Sonnet no. 18'?
- e) What does 'the rising of the moon' symbolize in Lady Gregory's play *The Rising of the Moon*?
- f) Why did the Ragged Man insert wrong lyrics in the ballad about Granuaile?
- g) What does the 'bar' symbolize in Tennyson's 'Crossing the Bar'?
- h) "Among the stars that have a different birth"—Why is the moon different from the stars?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

5×2=10

- a) Comment on the ending of the short story 'The Ox'.
- b) Write a short note on the imagery of 'Time' in 'Sonnet No. 18'.
- c) Comment on the image of the sea in Tennyson's poem 'Crossing the Bar'.

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

10×1=10

- a) Assess 'The Ox' as a short story.
- b) Write a critical appreciation on Shelley's poem 'To the Moon'.
- c) Comment on Yeats' treatment of nature and spirituality in the poem 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree'.