

**B. A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION MARCH 2017**  
**( Supplementary – 2014 Admission )**  
**SEMESTER IV - CORE COURSE (ENGLISH)**  
**ENG4RP - READING POETRY**

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

**PART A****I. Answer all the questions. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. Who are the "towering dead" referred to in Dylan Thomas' poem?
2. Explain the line "I labour by singing light."
3. What does Yeats ask the sages to do?
4. What does the phrase "like smoke from blue galleys" indicate?
5. What is the theme of "To My First White Hairs"?
6. Why does Plath say that "I am nobody"?
7. What are the "smiling hooks" Plath refers to?
8. What is Assonance?
9. What happened after the drum stopped beating, in Okara's poem?
10. Why does the poet say that the tulips should be put behind bars?

(10x1=10)

**PART B****II. Answer any eight questions. Each question carries 2 marks.**

11. What is metonymy?
12. Why does Plath say "I have no face"?
13. What is meant by Mock epic?
14. What are the two types of hunger portrayed in the poem "Hunger"?
15. What is the theme of the poem, "Father Returning Home"?
16. Enumerate on Ballad.
17. Comment on the title of the poem A Sea- Chantey.
18. What is Ode?
19. Explain Villanelle.
20. What is meant by Occasional Poetry?
21. Explain the lines "Like Smoke before wind / Corrupt, unsubstantial."
22. Explain the reference to birth and death in "Journey of the Magi."

(8x2=16)

**PART C****III. Answer any six questions. Each question carries 4 marks.**

23. Comment on the racial significance of the poem "to My First White Hairs".
24. Describe the daily routine of the father in "Father Returning Home".
25. Explain the title of the poem "In my Craft or Sullen Art".
26. What are the "hours of dross" referred to by Shakespeare?
27. Comment on the term "rebel powers" in Shakespeare's Sonnet 146.

28. "Ode on the Death of a Favourite Cat" as a mock heroic poem.
29. Comment on the significance of "The Invocation" in *Paradise Lost*.
30. How is the happiness of the sky lark different from that of man?
31. Describe the physical appearance of the cat Selina?

(6x4=24)

#### **PART D**

#### **IV. Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks.**

32. Explain the spiritual significance of the poem "The Journey of the Magi".
33. "My Last Duchess" as a dramatic monologue.
34. The song of the skylark transcends human limitations. Discuss.
35. Write an essay on the pessimism that pervades the poem "What I Expected Was".

(2x15=30)