

**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019
ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
FIRST SEMESTER**

COURSE : MAJOR CORE

PAPER : INTRODUCTION TO PROSE AND POETRY

TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

I. Answer any three of the following questions in 300 words each: (3x15=45)

1. Comment on Lamb's expression of loss in "Dream Children"
2. How does Jackie Kay defend her identity in "In My Country"?
3. What are the poetic devices Angelou uses in the poem "Phenomenal Woman"?
4. Defend Suzuki's position in "Earth Summit".
5. Trace Bacon's argument on employing ambitious people.

SECTION B

II. Answer any two of the following in about 400 words each: (2x20=40)

1. Explain the use of rhetoric by Lincoln in "The Gettysburg Address".
2. "...anointing of these three 'outsiders' as heroes is characteristic of the inclusive spirit of the Carnatic Plateau." Justify Guha's stance.
3. Consider Frost's "Mending Wall" as a foil to contemporary politics.
4. Discuss the features of an ode with reference to "Ode to a Nightingale".

SECTION C

III. Analyse the extract given below in about 300 words: (1x15=15)

Now you understand
Just why my head's not bowed.
I don't shout or jump about
Or have to talk real loud.
When you see me passing,
It ought to make you proud.
I say,
It's in the click of my heels,
The bend of my hair,
the palm of my hand,
The need for my care.
'Cause I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.