

SUBJECT CODE: 19CE/MC/PP13

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022
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 marks)

1. Discuss the combination of humour and pathos in “Dream Children: A Reverie.”
2. Comment on the celebration of womanhood in “Phenomenal Woman”.
3. How does Jackie Kay address the question regarding her identity in “In My Country”?
4. Comment on the characteristic features of the ode with reference to Keats’ “Ode to a Nightingale”.
5. Elaborate on Bacon’s observations regarding the nature of ambitious people.

SECTION B

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

6. Enumerate the characteristics of a speech with reference to Severn Suzuki’s “Earth Summit”. How does the speech create environmental awareness?
7. How does the wall act as a symbol in “Mending Wall”? Examine the futility of human labour as portrayed through the poem.
8. Discuss the inclusive spirit of the Carnatic Plateau as dealt with in “The Locality and the Nation”. How does the news article bring about this analysis?
9. Comment on the importance of memory in Lamb’s “Dream Children: A Reverie”.

SECTION C

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

10. “Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives, that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or

detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

Abraham Lincoln, November 19, 1863
