



**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
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**BA English**  
**Semester -II**  
**General English**

Unit-1(Drama)

**1. Answer the following questions: [2 Marks each]**

1. Evaluate "The Merchant of Venice" as a comedy. (2016, 2018)
2. Describe the Ring Episode in "The Merchant of Venice". What is its dramatic importance? (2016, 2018)
3. Give a character sketch of Antonio. (2016, 2018)
4. Comment on the title of the play "The Merchant of Venice" (2016, 2018).
5. Relate the circumstances under which Antonio borrowed three thousand ducats from Shylock. (2017, 2019)
6. Describe the trial scene in the Venetian Court of Justice in "The Merchant of Venice" (2017, 2019)
7. Describe Venice as the setting of the play, "The Merchant of Venice" (2017, 2019)
8. Describe Portia as the Heroine of the play, "The Merchant of Venice" (2017, 2019)

**2. Answer the following questions in about 50-55 words each: [5 Marks each]**

- a. Why does Portia say that "the will of a living daughter is curbed by the will of a dead father?" (2016,2018)
- b. "But love is blind, and lovers cannot see the pretty follies that themselves commit." Who said this and why? (2016,2018)
- c. Why does Jessica elope with Lorenzo? (2016,2018)
- d. How does Shylock get "Poetic justice" at the end of the play, "The Merchant of Venice" (2016,2018)
- e. How does Antonio describe Shylock? (2017,2019).
- f. Comment on Jessica's attitude towards her father, Shylock. (2017)
- g. What are the qualities of mercy as expressed by Portia? (2017)
- h. What are the contents of the letter sent by Antonio to Bassanio? (2017)
- i. Describe the enduring qualities of Jessica. (2019)
- j. How does Portia plead to Shylock for forgiving Antonio? (2019)
- k. "Myself and what is mine to you and yours is now converted." Narrate the circumstances under which Portia has said to Bassanio. (2019)

3. Answer the following questions in about 60-65 words each: 6 mark

- a. What are the points of argument launched by Portia in defence of Antonio in the trial? (2016, 2018)
- b. "A Daniel comes to judgement, yea a Daniel! O wise young Judge, how do I honour thee!" Did he smile his work to see? (2016,2018) Why does Shylock shout so?
- c. "Sweet doctor, you shall be my bedfellow." Who is the speaker's bedfellow? Explain the statement. (2019)
- d. "I am the unhappy subject of these quarrels." Who says so and why? (2019)
- e. "Here are severed lips,  
Parted with sugar breath; so sweet a  
bar should sunder such sweet  
friends"  
  
Who says these lines and how? (2017)
- f. "Awesome I slept with the doctor!" Who said these and why? (2017)

UNIT 2  
(Poetry)

**4. Explain with reference to the context ,any two of the following : [6 Marks each]**

a. When the stars threw down their  
spears, And watered heavn with their  
tears,  
Did he who made the Lamb make thee? (2016,2018)

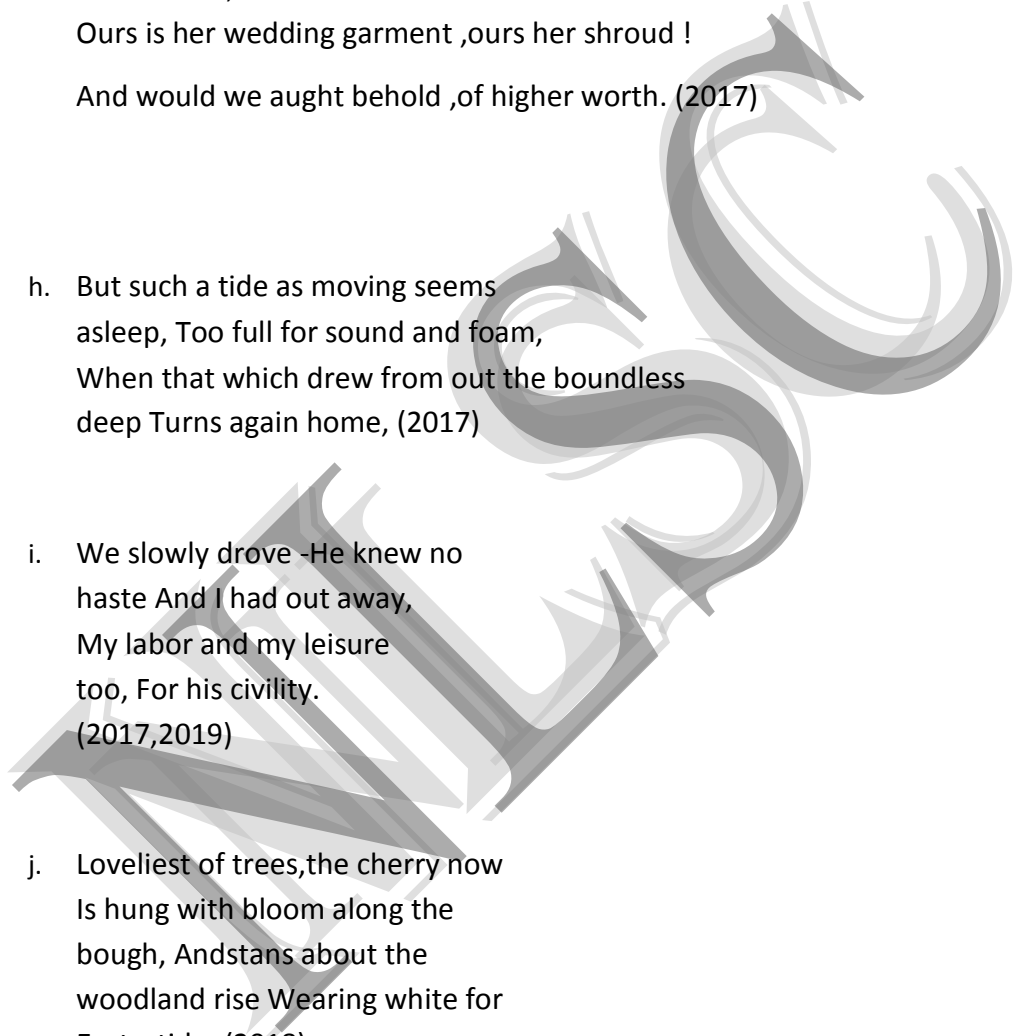
b. O Simple spirit ,guided from above  
Dear Lady! frienddevotest od my choice  
Thus mayest thou ever ,evermore rejoice .(2016,2018)

c. Sunset and evening star ,  
And one clear call from  
me !  
And may there be no moaning of the  
bar , When I put out to sea.  
(2016,2018)

d. We paused before a house that  
seemed A swelling of the Ground -  
The roof was scarcely visible-  
The Cornice -in thee ground. (2016,2018)

e. And since to look at things in  
bloom Fifty springs are little  
room ,  
About the woodlamsa I will go  
To see the cherry hung with snow. (2016,2017,2019)

f. What the hammer?What the  
chain, In what furnace was thy  
brain ?

- What the anvil?What dread grasp,  
Dare it's deadly terror clasp! (2017,2019)
- g. O Lady! we receive but what we  
give, and in our life alone does  
Nature live ;  
Ours is her wedding garment ,ours her shroud !  
And would we aught behold ,of higher worth. (2017)
- h. But such a tide as moving seems  
asleep, Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless  
deep Turns again home, (2017)
- i. We slowly drove -He knew no  
haste And I had out away,  
My labor and my leisure  
too, For his civility.  
(2017,2019)
- j. Loveliest of trees,the cherry now  
Is hung with bloom along the  
bough, And stands about the  
woodland rise Wearing white for  
Eastertide. (2018)
- k. My genial spirits fail;  
And what can these  
avail
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To lift the smothering from off my  
breast? It were a vain endeavour ,  
Though I should gaze forever. (2019)

- I. Twilight and evening  
bell , And after that the  
dark!  
And may there be no sadness of of  
farewell, When I embark.(2019).

5. Answer the following in one sentence each: 1mark each

- a. What does the term "daring warbler "stand for? (2017,2019)
- b. Why does the boy goes to school in a snail's pace? (2017)
- c. Why is the skylark called a wise bird? (2017)
- d. "My shaping spirits of imagination"  
What is the poet's shaping spirit of imagination? (2017)
- e. What does "no moaning' of the bar stand for? (2017)
- f. "The prize we sought is  
won" What is the prize  
won? (2017)
- g. "At once a voice arose  
among The bleak twigs  
overhead." Whose voice is  
it? (2017)
- h. "He kindly stopped for me ."

Who is 'he' referred to here? (2017)

i. The victor ship comes in

with object won

What is the object won? (2016,2018)

i. Who is fervourless as the poet in the poem "The Darkling Thrush"? (2016,2018)

j. Why could the poet not stop for death?(2016,2018)

k. "My genial spirits fail"  
What is meant by this line? (2018)

l. "When I have crossed the bar."  
What does the poet mean by the term 'bar'? (2018)

m. Why is the skylark called 'ethereal minstrel'? (2018)

n. Who is compared to a player on the stage of the world? (2018)

o. What are the possible sources of inspiration of the melodious songs of the Skylark? (2018).

p. What are the birth and death compared to by the poet? (2019)

q. Why is the skylark called a wise bird? (2019)

r. "O Lady! we receive but what we give."  
What is the significance of this line?  
(2019)

- s. What is the significance of "twilight" and "evening bell"? (2019)
- t. "For you they",the swaying mass" What is the "swaying mass" referred to here? (2019)
- u. "Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew."  
What is the probable reason behind the hopeful note in the song of the thrush? (2019)

6. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words each: [3 Marks each]

- a. How many parts does a man play in his lifetime? (2016)
- b. How does the poet express his sense of depression in the poem "Dejection, An Ode"? (2016,2018)
- c. What is meant by "Narrow Domestic Walls"? (2016)
- d. What is the poet's advice on "Triumph" and "Disaster" in human life? (2016).
- e. What are the " exits" and "entrances" referred to in the poem , "All the world's a stage"? (2017)
- f. Give a description of the New Moon and thee Old Moon after S.T.Colleridge in his poem, "Dejection,an ode." (2017)
- g. What does the poem mean by , "Where the mind is without Fear". (2017)
- h. What was the lesson the poet teaches his son in the poem "If"? (2017).
- i. What is the world compared to by Shakespeare? (2019)

- j. Who is Patrick Spens? What does the poet say about him? (2019)
- k. Describe briefly Tagore's idea of "heaven of freedom". (2019)
- l. What does the poem mean by "unforgiving minute" in the poem "If"? (2019)

7. Answer the following questions: [12 Marks each]

- a. Give a critical appreciation of the poem "The Tyger". (2016, 2018)
- b. Write central idea of Robert Browning's poem "Prospice". (2016, 2018)
- c. What are the elaborate arrangements made by the American people to welcome their captain? (2016, 2018)
- d. Give the central idea of the poem "To a skylark" by P.B. Shelley. (2016, 2018)
- e. Give a critical appreciation of the poem "Because I could not stop for Death" (2016, 2018).
- f. Write the central idea of the poem "The Tyger". (2017)
- g. Give a critical appreciation of the poem "Prospice". (2017, 2019)
- h. Give the significance of the title, "O Captain! My Captain!" (2017)
- i. Write a critical appreciation of the poem, "To a Skylark." (2017, 2019)
- j. Write the central idea of the poem, "Because I could not stop for Death". (2017, 2019).
- k. How does the poet express his sense of depression in the poem, "Dejection, an Ode" (2016, 2018)



- I. Describe the poet's idea as expressed in the poem "The Tyger" (2019).
  
- m. Bring out the symbolic or allegorical meaning of the poem, "O Captain! My Captain!" (2019).

