

**2022**  
**ENGLISH**  
**[GENERIC]**  
**(B.A. First Semester-End Examination-2022)**  
**PAPER- GE1T**

**Full Marks: 60**

**Time: 03 Hrs**

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

**1. Attempt any ten of the following questions.     2×10= 20**

- i) What does the poet-speaker mean by the word 'New Grace' in the poem "I Cannot Live with You"?
- ii) Who are 'Quaint' or 'Broke' in the poem "I cannot live with you"?
- iii) How did the lady principal of the second university save her country from the enemy soldiers in *Sultana's Dream*?
- iv) "How Do I Love Thee?" — Who asks the question and to whom?
- v) Who sang the song in the poem "Palanquin Bearers"?

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- vi) Who is seated in the palanquin in the poem "Palanquin Bearers"?
- vii) What emotions of the palanquin bearers get expressed in the poem "Palanquin Bearers"?
- viii) "They'd judge us." — Who are 'They' in the poem "I cannot live with you"?
- ix) Who has been referred to as 'Zenana' in *Sultana's Dream*?
- x) Mention any two figures of speech used in "How do I love thee?"
- xi) "I love thee with a love I seemed to lose/ With my lost saints." — Who were the lost saints?
- xii) Write the name of God who is worshipped by Rassundari Devi.
- xiii) When was the second part of *Amar Jiban* added to the first part? What does the second part deal with?
- xiv) What kind of journey does the poem "Up-Hill" represent?
- xv) What does the poet mean by 'resting place' and 'inn' in the poem "Up-Hill"?

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2. Attempt any four of the following questions.

4×5=20

- a) Explain:  
And I – could I stand by  
And see You – freeze –  
Without my Right of Frost –  
Death's privilege?
- b) "I could not die with you."— Who is the speaker here? Why could she not die with her lover?
- c) Comment on the symbolic significance of 'Sexton' and 'Porcelain' in "I cannot live with you".
- d) "... if God choose/ I shall but love thee better after death."— Explain these lines.
- e) "She skims like a bird on the foam of a dream." — Explain.
- f) "Her widowhood is still considered a misfortune." — What is Rassundari Devi's view on widowhood?
- g) Describe Rassundari Devi's feelings of getting married.
- h) "Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?  
Of labour you shall find the sum."— Comment on the above-mentioned lines.

3. Attempt any two of the following questions: 2×10=20

- i) "Rassundari's *Amar Jiban* is a brilliant exploration of the writer's journey towards self-discovery." — Discuss briefly.
- ii) Write a critical appreciation of the Christina Rossetti's poem "Up-Hill".
- iii) Consider "How Do I Love Thee" as a poem of love.
- iv) Critically appreciate Sarojini Naidu's poem "Palanquin Bearers".

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