B.A. Semester I (Honours/General) Examination 2021 (CBCS)

Subject: English

Paper: GE1_CC1A

Time: 3 Hours Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to answer in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer *any six* of the following questions:

5x6 = 30

- a. 'I mean the truth untold,' The pity of war, the pity war distilled.' Explain the above lines with reference to the context.
- b. How does Shakespeare describe 'true love' in Sonnet 116?
- c. What is the theme of the essay 'Dream Children' by Charles Lamb?
- d. Comment on the ending of Bates' 'The Ox'.
- e. 'I am the enemy you killed, my friend.' Comment critically on the idea of 'friend' and 'enemy' in Wilfred Owen's 'Strange Meeting'.
- f. What are the qualities of the 'star' in Keats's 'Bright Star'?
- g. What does the expression 'A slumber did my spirit seal' mean?
- h. Explain the phrase 'Love's not Time's fool'.
- 2. Answer *any three* of the following questions:

10x3 = 30

- a. Discuss the autobiographical elements in Charles Lamb's 'Dream Children: A Reverie'.
- b. Critically comment on the images in Keat's 'Bright Star'.
- c. Analyse Wilfred Owen's attitude to war in 'Strange Meeting'.
- d. Comment critically on the overpowering influence of time in Shakespearean sonnets, with special reference to Sonnet 116.
- e. Critically analyse Mrs Thurlow's character in Bates's 'The Ox'.