

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (CBCS Pattern) Second Semester CBCS  
**BA12B-1 - English Literature**

P. Pages : 2

Time : Three Hours



**GUG/W/18/10033**

Max. Marks : 80

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**1.** Explain the following lines with reference to the context **any four.** **16**

- i) Love came to flora asking for a flower  
That would of flowers be undisputed queen,  
The lily and the rose, long, long had been  
Rivals for that high honour.
- ii) And bind our brows with Jasmine Sprays  
and play on carven flutes,  
To wake the slumbering serpent-kings  
among the banyan roots.  
And roam at fall of eventide  
along the river's brink,  
And bathe in water-lily pools where  
golden panthers drink.
- iii) We passed the school, where children strove  
At Recess ---- In the Ring -----  
We passed the field of Gazing grain -----  
We passed the setting sun -----
- iv) When in the sun the hot red acres smoulder  
Down where the sweating gang its labour plies  
A girl flings down her hoe, and from her shoulder  
Unslings her child tormented by flies.
- v) There are His works and His veils and His shadows;  
But where is He then? by what name is He known?  
Is He Bramha or Vishnu? a man or a woman?  
Bodies or bodiless? Twin or alone?
- vi) He will now go to sleep  
Listening to the static on the radio, dreaming  
of his ancestors and grandchildren, thinking  
of nomads entering a subcontinent through a narrow pass.

**2.** Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 200 words. **16**

- i) Why is the Lotus referred to as the 'queenliest flower' in the poem "The Lotus?"
- ii) Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Who" by Aurobindo Ghose.
- iii) How does the poet deal with the theme of man's estrangement from a man-made world in "Father Returning Home?"

