

Second Year – English Dept. Poetry Exam – May 2012

Time: 2 hours

## 1) Write on ONLY 3 of the following: [6 Marks]

- The English Renaissance
- Neo-classicism
- Sonnet
- Ballad
- Dramatic monologue

## 2) Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow: [14 Marks]

Dark house, by which once more I stand Here in the long unlovely street. Doors, where my heart was used to beat So quickly, waiting for a hand.

A hand that can be clasped no more – Behold me, for I cannot sleep, And like a guilty thing I creep At earliest morning to the door.

He is not here; but far away
The noise of life begins again,
And ghastly thro' the drizzling rain
On the bald street breaks the blank day.

- 1) What situation is the speaker reflecting upon? What is his tone of voice?
- 2) Explain two sensory images used in the poem.
- 3) Comment on the rhyme scheme and stanza pattern of the poem.
- 4) Find and explain the following devices in the poem:
  - a) simile
- b) synecdoche
- c) hyperbole
- d) antithesis
- e) alliteration
- f) onomatopoeia

(Give only one example for each)

- 5) What is the effect of using the following words/phrases:
  - a) Dark house

- b) long unlovely street
- c) the noise of life
- d) blank day