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- xv) What does the speaker mean when he says
“my light is spent”?

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(B.A. First Semester-End Examination-2022)

PAPER: AECC-CORE

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 two of the following questions 2×10= 20

- a)** Write a critical summary of the poem “To a Skylark” by P. B. Shelley.
- b)** Reproduce briefly the thoughts contained in the poem “A Poison Tree”.
- c)** Describe how the skylark maintains a balance between heaven and home in the poem, “To the Skylark”.
- d)** Bring out the central idea of the poem “Ode to Autumn”.

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2. Attempt any four of the following questions 4×5= 20

- i) Comment on the lines: -
"Leave to the nightingale her shady wood;
A privacy of glorious light is thine;"
- ii) Trace the development of the poet's thought in the sonnet "Batter My Heart".
- iii) How does Shelley make a contrast between human song and skylark's song in "To a Skylark"?
- iv) "The scorner of the ground." — About whom is this said? Why does the poet describe it as the 'scorner of the ground'?
- v) How does Keats personify autumn in the poem "Ode to Autumn"?
- vi) "Until they think that warm days will never cease" — Who are "they" and why do they think so?
- vii) How does Milton solve his emotional problem in the poem, "On His Blindness"?
- viii) What is the significance of the title of "A Poison Tree" by William Blake?

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

- i) What is an 'Ode'?

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- ii) Who is autumn's friend? What are the two friends doing?
- iii) Mention the name of fruits and flowers as stated by Keats in his poem "Ode to Autumn".
- iv) Why does Shelley say "bird thou never wert"?
- v) Why is skylark compared to a star of heaven?
- vi) How is the skylark compared to a high-born maiden?
- vii) Who is referred to as the 'pilgrim of the sky' and why?
- viii) Who brings 'flood of harmony' to the world and how?
- ix) Why does Milton lament his blindness?
- x) What is Milton's question to God in his poem "On His Blindness"?
- xi) "Who stand and wait" — What is suggested by the words 'stand' and 'wait' in the poem "On His Blindness"?
- xii) Why does the poet compare himself to a usurped town in "Batter My Heart"?
- xiii) Who are referred to by the term "three-person'd God"?
- xiv) What picture of old age is depicted in the poem 'An Acre of Grass'?