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LEVEL 4

FINAL EXAMINATION

November 2016

POETRY

LSD2206/LSU2206

DURATION

THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE:

27.11. 2016

TIME:

9.30 am.

12.30 pm.

ANSWER QUESTION 01 AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM PART B.

Part A

1) Identify two (02) of the following extracts and comment on their significance to the text from which they are taken.

- i) "A current under sea picked his bones in whispers. As he rose and fell He passed the stages of his age and youth Entering the whirlpool."
- ii) "My words are nearly always an offence.
 I don't know how to speak of anything
 So as to please you."
- iii) "Yet stop I did: in fact I often do,
 And always end much at a loss like this,
 Wondering what to look for;"

(40 marks)

Part B

- 2. T. S. Eliot's *The Waste Land*, which is a poem about human failure. Discuss, taking a relevant section from the poem.
- 3. Larkin's poems are an indication that industrialization has seriously affected human nature. Do you agree? Discuss with close reference to 03 poems of Larkin.
- 4. What is Frost's attitude to nature? Explore with close reference to 03 poems.
- 5. While contrasting nature with art, Yeats also brings out the strengths and weaknesses of art and nature. Discuss and illustrate using examples from at least two poems.

(60 marks)