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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
2015/2016 ACADEMIC SESSION

COURSE CODE: ENG 207

UNIT: 3

DURATION: 2 ½ Hours

COURSE TITLE: FORMS OF LITERATURE: POETRY

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INSTRUCTION: Answer question ONE and any other TWO

Question
No.

Total
Mark

1.

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,

Old time is still a flying:

And this same flower that smiles today,

Tomorrow will be dying

The glorious lamp of heaven, the sun

The higher he's a-getting:

The sooner will his race be run,

And nearer he's to setting.

That age is best, which is the first,

When youth and blood are warmer,

But being spent, the worse, and worst

Times, still succeed the former.

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Then be not coy, but use your time,

And while ye may, go marry:

For having lost but once your prime,

You may forever tarry.

- a. Paraphrase the above poem, showing that you understand the audience of the poet.
- b. Identify the subject matter and the theme of this poem.
- c. How is the theme of the poem treated?
- d i. Identify the major literary device in the first two stanzas of the poem.
ii. Briefly discuss the imagery in the poem.
- e. Generally, discuss the literariness of this poem.

Examine, critically, the assertion that "all figures of speech are literary devices, but not all literary devices are figures of speech".

Discuss the significance of Imagery in the study of poetry as a literary genre.

Examine the notion that a poem is best appreciated when it is read aloud.

Write good short notes on any four of the following:

ballad;

epic;

ode;

rhyme;

romantic poetry;

rhythm.