

Faculty of Education – Department of English
Second Year
Poetry
Model Answer

Part I. Comment:

The following points should be elaborately included in the comment:

- The poem is sonnet no. 73 by Shakespeare.
- The sonnet is Shakespearian consisting of three quatrains and a couplet.
- The theme is the destructive effect of time on the poet's life. He is making an appeal to his beloved before his life ends.
- The idea of the first stanza is a description of the season of autumn. The idea of the second stanza is a description of a day. The idea of the third stanza is a description of a fire. The couplet reveals the finality of his predicament.
- Imagery: in each stanza there is a metaphor. There are also two auditory images in the first quatrain.
- Structure: it is a symmetrical structure. Lines are of equal length. The tense of the verbs is significant as it serves the poet's purpose and his theme. There are examples of inverted word order; and there is a classical allusion to the legendary bird the phoenix.
- Language is simple and colloquial Elizabethan vocabulary.
- Tone is personal, melancholic and fearful.
- Rhyme and meter: regular (abab cdcd efef gg) and written in iambic pentameter.
- Music: There are examples of alliteration and consonance.

Part II.

The characteristics of Metaphysical poetry:

The following points should be explained in detail in an essay form:

- Wit
- Satire
- Metaphysical conceit
- Sound
- Paradox
- Argument and persuasion
- Concentration
- Baroque

Part III. Choose the letter of the best answer to the given statement or question:

1. c
2. d
3. c
4. a
5. b
6. d
7. c
8. c
9. b
10. d