

Semester V Internal Assessment 2022-24

English Honours

British Literature: the Early Twentieth Century

Test

Attempt the following questions in about 500-700 words.

Date: 24/11/2023

Time: 12 PM. The test commences at 12 PM and ends at 1 PM.

Q. Explain the following lines with reference to context. (10)

And indeed there will be time

To wonder, “Do I dare?” and, “Do I dare?”

Time to turn back and descend the stair,

With a bald spot in the middle of my hair —

(They will say: “How his hair is growing thin!”)

My morning coat, my collar mounting firmly to the chin,

My necktie rich and modest, but asserted by a simple pin —

(They will say: "But how his arms and legs are thin!")

Do I dare

Disturb the universe?

In a minute there is time

For decisions and revisions which a minute will reverse.

For I have known them all already, known them all:

Have known the evenings, mornings, afternoons,

I have measured out my life with coffee spoons;

I know the voices dying with a dying fall

Beneath the music from a farther room.

So how should I presume?

Or,

Comment on the all-pervasive symbols in the poem, "The Love Song of J Alfred Prufrock".

