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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), BANGALORE- 27

V SEMESTER OPTIONAL ENGLISH

END SEMESTER EXAMINATION: NOV 2020

OE: 5118 The Sacred and the Profane

TIME: 2^{1/2} hrs

Max marks: 70

INSTRUCTIONS

1. You may use a dictionary
2. This paper contains 2 printed pages and three sections.

SECTION A

Read the following poem and answer the questions set on it:

To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time

Robert Herrick

Gather ye rose-buds 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.

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.

Answer the following in three to four sentences each:(3x5=15)

- 1) "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may" has become synonymous with Horace's Latin sentiment: *carpe diem*. What is your understanding of this?
- 2) Pick out a figure of speech from the poem and explain what it means.
- 3) Under which category of poetry would you place this 17th century poem and why?

SECTION B

Answer any THREE of the following in not more than 200 words each: