

M.Phil. English Admission Test

Total Marks: 40

Passing Marks: 60%

Time Allowed: 2hrs.

Instructions:

- I. Do not forget to write your name and reference/tracking number on the Answer Sheet.**
- II. Extra Sheet will not be provided.**
- III. Both Questions are mandatory.**

- 1. Describe one of your research projects (ideally your undergraduate thesis, if you didn't write a thesis then a research paper or a community project) in detail. What was the title and the main argument? What were the project goal/s, process, timeline, and outcome/s? What challenges did you face and how do you plan to overcome the challenges in future? Make sure you address all the points.**
- 2. Read the poem carefully and explore a complex thematic structure in this piece of writing.**

On the Religion of Nature (1815)

by Philip Freneau (1752 –1832)

**The power, that gives with liberal hand
The blessings man enjoys, while here,
And scatters through a smiling land
The abundant products of the year;
That power of nature, ever bless'd,
Bestow'd religion with the rest.**

**Born with ourselves, her early sway
Inclines the tender mind to take
The path of right, fair virtue's way
Its own felicity to make.**

**This universally extends
And leads to no mysterious ends.**

**Religion, such as nature taught,
With all divine perfection suits;
Had all mankind this system sought
Sophist would cease their vain disputes,
And from this source would nations know
All that can make their heaven below.**

**This deals not curses on mankind,
Or dooms them to perpetual grief,
If from its aid no joys they find,
It damns them not for unbelief;
Upon a more exalted plan
Creatress nature dealt with man—**

**Joy to the day, when all agree
On such grand systems to proceed,
From fraud, design, and error free,
And which to truth and goodness lead:
Then persecution will retreat
And man's religion be complete.**