



TNPSC - GENERAL ENGLISH

PART B - POEMS AND AUTHORS

S. NO	POEM	POET		PERIOD	AWARDS	OTHER WORKS	OTHER DETAILS
1	LIFE	Henry Van Dyke (Poet, Preacher, Novelist)	American	1852 - 1933	Elected to American Academy of Arts and Letters	"Story of the Other Wiseman", "The First Christmas Tree"	Served as a professor of English Literature in Princeton University between 1899 and 1923
2	I AM EVERY WOMAN	Rakhi Nariyani Shirke (Academician)	Indian	—	—	—	Worked as teacher in Ryan International School. She is a post graduate with the Bachelor's degree in Education
3	THE SECRET OF THE	Rudyard Kipling	Indian	1865 - 1936	Nobel Prize in Literature in 1907	'The Jungle Book' (1894)	Educated in England and returned to

	MACHINES						India in 1882. Settled in Brattleboro, Vermont.
4	THE ANT AND THE CRICKET	Adopted from Aesop's Fables, Aesop was legendary Greek fabulist and story teller	Greece	said to have lived between 620 - 564 BC	-	-	Fables are narrative form, featuring animals that behave and speak as humans in order to highlight human follies and weaknesses. A moral or lesson is woven into the story
5	NO MEN ARE FOREIGN	James Falconer Kirkup (Poet, Translator, Travel Writer)	English	1918 - 2009	Atlantic Award for Literature in 1962, Scott-Moncrieff Prize for Translation in 1992	'The Drowned Sailor' The Decent into the Cave', The Caged Bird in Springtime'	Poem talks about globalization and described as a post-colonial poem
6	THE HOUSE ON ELM STREET	Nadia Bush (Academician, writer, editor)	-	-	Top Professor Award, University of South Alabama Mortar Board - 2014, Award of Excellence 2015 Public	-	This poem is written under the general heading "DARK POEM" PUBLISHED in April 2017. Poet is conducting courses in

					Relation Council of Alabama State Conference		Public Speaking and she is a senior instructor in the Department of Communic ation
7	STOPPIN G BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING	Robert Frost	American	1874 - 1968	Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry	'The Road Not Taken', 'West Running Brook', Mending Wall', 'After Apple Picking' etc.	Frost became a poetic force and the unofficial Poet Laureate of the United States
8	A POISON TREE	William Blake (Poet, Painter, Print maker)	English	1757 - 1827	-	'The Lamb' and 'The Tiger'	Seminal figure in the history of English Poetry
9	ON KILLING A TREE	Gieve Patel (Poet, Playwright, Painter, Physician)	Indian	1940 - 2023	Rockefeller Fellowship , University of Chicago in 1992, received C.R. Parekh Writer in Residence Fellowship from University of Pennsylv ania	'Evening' 'Forensic Medicine', 'From Bombay Central'	Belonged to a group of writers named 'Green Movement' involved in an effort to protect the environme nt

10	THE SPIDER AND THE FLY	Mary Botham Howitt (Translator of Hans Christian Andresen's works)	English	1799 - 1888	Silver Medal from the Literary Academy of Stockholm in 1879, Gained a civil pension	'Birds and Flowers and other Country Things', 'Our Cousins in Ohio'	Some of her works were written in conjunction with her husband William Howitt
11	THE RIVER	Caroline Anne Bowels	English	1786 - 1854	-	'The Little Ladybird', 'Chapter on Churchyard', 'Tales of the Factories'	Poetess Caroline was wife of Robert Southey, the poet laureate of Britain
12	THE COMET	Norman Littleford	American	1889 - 1947	-	'Me and My Shadow', 'Hell is our Home', 'Reasonable Doubt', 'A Complete Day'	His works focused on life and nature. Simple but thought provoking
13	THE STICK-TOGETHER FAMILY	Edgar Albert Guest	British born American	1881 - 1959	Poet Laureate of Michigan (the only poet to have been awarded the title)	A Heap O'Livin', 'Just Folks', 'Rhythms of Childhood', 'Life's Highway', 'Living the Years', 'the Oft-quoted Home'	Edgar has been called "the poet of the people"
14	SPECIAL HERO	Christina M Kerschen	American	1872 - 1966	-	-	-

15	MAKING LIFE WORTH WHILE	George Eliot (Poet, Journalist, Translator, writer)	English	1819 - 1880	Finalist, National Book Awards 1969 for Arts and Letters	Adam Bede', 'Middlemarch', 'Silas Marner', 'The Mill on the Floss'	George Eliot is the pen name of Mary Ann Evans
16	A THING OF BEAUTY	John Keats (trained to be a surgeon)	British	1795 - 1821	-	Ode on a Grecian Urn', 'Ode to Nightingale', 'La Belle Dame sans Merci', 'To Autumn'	This poem is an excerpt from his poem 'Endymion', based on a Greek legend
17	LESSONS IN LIFE	Brigitte Bryant & Daniel Ho	-	-	-	-	-
18	MY COMPUTER NEED A BREAK	Santhini Govindan	Indian	1959 - alive	Many prizes and awards from various institutions and publishers	'71 Golden Tales of Panchatantra', 'Animal Tales from Greek Mythology', 'Anger of Apsu', 'Animal Folk Tales Around the World', 'Summer Waves'	Award winning author of Children's Literature
19	YOUR SPACE	David Bates	American	1809 - 1870	-	'Eolian', 'Speak Gently', 'Childhood', 'Chiding'	-
20	SEA FEVER	John Masefield (Poet, Writer)	English	1878 - 1967	Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom in 1930	'The Midnight Folk', 'The Box of Delights',	In 1937 he was elected President of the Society of Authors.

					Order of Merit by King George V	'The Everlasting Mercy'	
21	COURAGE	Edgar Albert Guest	British born American	1881 - 1959	Poet Laureate of Michigan(the only poet to have been awarded the title)	A Heap O'Livin', 'Just Folks', 'Rhythms of Childhood', 'Life's Highway', 'Living the Years', 'the Oft-quoted Home'	Edgar has been called "the poet of the people"
22	TEAM WORK	Edgar Albert Guest	British born American	1881 - 1959	Poet Laureate of Michigan(the only poet to have been awarded the title)	A Heap O'Livin', 'Just Folks', 'Rhythms of Childhood', 'Life's Highway', 'Living the Years', 'the Oft-quoted Home'	Edgar has been called "the poet of the people"
23	FROM A RAILWAY CARRIAGE (Taken from 'A Child's Garden of Verses')	Robert Louis Stevenson (Poet, Novelist, Essayist, Musician, Travel writer)	Scottish	1850 - 1894	-	Treasure Island', 'Kidnapped', 'Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde'	-
24	INDIAN SEASONS	Nisha Dyrene	Indian	-	-	Mira', 'Enchanted Frangipanis', 'Riding a Down', 'Heartbreak' 'Goodbye'	Born with ichthyosis, Abandoned at birth

25	A TRAGIC STORY	William Makepeace Thackeray (Poet, Novelist, Illustrator)	English	1811 - 1863	-	'A Credo', 'At the Church Gate' 'The Age of Wisdom'	Well-known for his novel, 'Vanity Fair'
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