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Second Year B.A. Degree Examination, OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2016

(Directorate of Distance Education)

(DAB 440) Paper II – ENGLISH OPTIONAL

(Texts : Poetry, Silver Box, Oliver Twist, Pride and Prejudice and Essays)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70/80

Instructions to Candidates :

- 1) *Students who have attended 30 marks I-A scheme will have to answer for total of 70 marks.*
- 2) *Students who have attended 20 marks I-A scheme will have to answer for total of 80 marks.*
- 3) *Section-F is compulsory only for 80-marks scheme.*

SECTION – A

I. Annotate any FOUR of the following choosing TWO from Poetry and TWO from Drama : 4 × 4 = 16

- (a) One short sleep past, we wake eternally
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.
- (b) From harmony, from Heav'nly harmony
This universal frame began.
- (c) When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my days in this dark world and wide,
- (d) So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.
- (e) We are all equal before the law – that's rot, that's silly.
- (f) There is another Jones at College with me. I am not a socialist myself; I am a liberal.
- (g) It goes all through the lower classes. You cannot tell when they are speaking the truth.
- (h) Don't ask me to help you next time. You are not fit to be helped.

SECTION – B

II. Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each : 2 × 8 = 16

- (a) Critically examine the significance of the poem *The Gifts of God*.
- (b) How does Shakespeare preserve young man's beauty for all the time in *Shall I Compare Thee?* Elucidate.

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- (c) How does the comparison between death and sleep make sense in *Death, Be Not Proud*? Explain.
- (d) Critically examine the poem *On His Blindness*.

SECTION – C

III. Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each : 2 × 6 = 12

- (a) Law is not the same for the rich and the poor as portrayed in the play *The Silver Box*. Justify.
- (b) Sketch the character of Mrs. Jones.
- (c) Configure the corruption of politicians in *The Silver Box*.
- (d) Analyse the relationship between Mr. Bathwick and his son.

SECTION – D

IV. Answer the following in about two pages each : 2 × 8 = 16

- (a) *Oliver Twist* is a novel of crime and villainy. Justify.
Or
Describe the challenges faced by the boy Oliver Twist.
- (b) Sketch the character of Mrs. Bennet.
Or
Critically examine the title *Pride and Prejudice*.

SECTION – E

V. Answer the following in about a page and a half : 1 × 10 = 10

- Extenuate Bacon's views in the essay *Of Travel*.
Or
Bring out Addison's central idea in *The Tombs of Westminster Abbey*.

SECTION – F

VI. Compulsory question for 80 marks scheme only :

Answer any ONE of the following : 1 × 10 = 10

- The poem *A Song for St. Cecilia's Day* by John Dryden has a timeless musical theme. Elucidate.
Or
Examine the opinions of Addison on National Prejudices.