

Final Year B.A. Degree Examination, August/September 2008
Directorate of Correspondence Course
OPTIONAL ENGLISH – III
Poetry, Drama, Fiction, Prose

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

SECTION – A

1. Annotate **THREE** of the following, choosing **TWO** from poetry and **ONE** from drama : (3×4=12)
- a) Why do Sinners' ways prosper ? And why must Disappointment all I endeavour end ?
- b) And then the window failed - and then
I could not see to see.
- c) The smile on your moth was the dearest thing
Alive enough to have strength to die.
- d) Let husbands know
Their wives have sense like them ; they see and smell
And have their palates both for sweet and sour
As husbands have.
- e) Judge me the world, if 'tis not gross in sense
That thou hast practis'd on her with foul charms,
Abused her delicate youth with drugs or minerals.

SECTION – B

2. Answer **TWO** of the following : (2×8=16)
- a) Bring out Hopkin's visual delight in the falcon's flight with reference to the poem 'The windhover'.
- b) Analyse 'Strange Meeting' as an anti-war poem.
- c) Write a critical appreciation of the poem, 'Neutral tones' by Thomas Hardy.
- d) Discuss the concept of death in the poem 'Because I could not stop for death'.

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SECTION - C

3. Answer **any TWO** of the following : (2×8=16)
- a) 'Desdemona is the sweetest and the most pathetic heroine of Shakespeare' – Discuss.
 - b) Bring out the significance of the opening scene in Othello.
 - c) Did Iago work as a Catalyst to cause the tragedy of Othello ? Examine.
 - d) Describe the Bed-Chamber scene in the play 'Othello'.

SECTION - D

4. Answer the following without omitting any text : (2×8=16)
- a) Discuss the theme of Love and war in the novel 'A Farewell to Arms' by Hemingway.
- OR
- Trace the development in Frederic Henry's character.
- b) How does Bhatta criticise Caste-Brahminism in the novel 'Kanthapura'?
- OR
- 'Murthy is a practical Idealist as a hero' – Discuss.

SECTION - E

5. Answer **any ONE** of the following : (1×10=10)
- a) Examine the views of Hazlitt on the Ignorance of Learned Scholars.
 - b) Write a note on the strained relations between rich and the poor in Charles Lamb's essay.
 - c) Bring out the element of humour in the essay 'A Defence of Nonsense'.