

DAC – 450 (ENG – UG)

Final Year B.A. Degree Examination, August/September 2008

Directorate of Correspondence Course

ENGLISH OPTIONAL – IV

Poetry, Drama and Fiction

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

SECTION – A

I. Annotate **THREE** of the following, choosing **TWO** from poetry and **ONE** from drama : (3×4=12)

- a) For arrogance and hatred are the wares
Peddled in the thoroughfares.
- b) But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.
- c) He only says, 'Good fences make good neighbours'.
- d) I give my life
To the law of god above the law of man
Unbar the door! unbar the door.
- e) But it's a great rest I'll have now and it's time surely

SECTION – B

II. Answer any **TWO** of the following : (2×8=16)

- a) Consider The Unknown Citizen as an indictment of the modern state.
- b) Comment on the vision of life presented at the end of the poem, 'The Second Coming'.
- c) How does TS Eliot bring out the hollowness of modern man's existence in 'The Hollow Men' ?
- d) Write an appreciation of the poem, 'Mending Wall'.

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SECTION – C

III. Answer any TWO of the following : (2×8=16)

- Can a martyr be a tragic hero ? Discuss with reference to 'Murder in the Cathedral'.
- Discuss the nature of the temptations Becket has to undergo and show how each fits into the overall pattern of the play.
- Discuss the role and function of the chorus in 'Murder in the Cathedral'.
- Comment on the use of Imagery in 'Murder in the Cathedral'.

SECTION – D

IV. Answer any TWO of the following : (2×8=16)

- Critically examine the role played by Father Paneloux in The Plague.
- Consider The Plague as an allegory.
- Sketch the character of Dr. Brieux.
- "The Plague is an exemplary book that speaks of man's will to live, and his indomitable spirit of joy and love" – Discuss.

SECTION – E

V. Answer ONE of the following : (1×10=10)

- "Riders to the sea is a drama of struggle against the overwhelming forces of mutability and the sea" – Discuss.
- Do you consider Riders to the sea as a tragedy'. State your reasons.
- How does Maurya learn to accept life with stoicism and moral strength ?