

## Second Year B.A., Degree Examination

**August/September 2010**

*(Directorate of Correspondence Course)*

*(Freshers')*

### ENGLISH OPTIONAL – II

**Poetry, Silver Box, Oliver Twist, Pride and Prejudice and Essays**

*Time: 3 hrs]*

*[Max.Marks: 80*

#### SECTION - A

**I. Annotate any FOUR of the following choosing Two from Poetry and Two from Drama:**

4 X 4 = 16

- a) Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May.
- b) They also serve who only stand and wait.
- c) If our loves be one, or thou and I  
Love so alike that none do slacken, none can die.
- d) Yet let him keep the rest  
But keep them with repining restlessness
- e) It's my belief he was tipsy last night, like your husband.  
It's another kind of bein' out of work that sets him to drink.
- f) You don't seem to have any principles. You – you're  
one of those who are a nuisance to society.
- g) Servants have too much licence. They hang together so terribly you never can tell  
what they're really thinking.
- h) You give the excuse that you were drunk when you stole the box. I tell you that is no  
excuse.

#### SECTION - B

**II. Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each:**

2 X 8 = 16

- a) Explain briefly Shakespeare's concept of true love as revealed in his sonnet "Let me not to the Marriage of True Minds".
- b) How does Donne demolish the idea that death is mighty and dreadful in the poem "Death, Be not Proud"?
- c) Critically appreciate Herbert's poem "The Gifts of God".
- d) How does Dryden glorify the power of music in his poem "A Song for St. Cecilia's Day"?

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**SECTION - C**

- III. Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each:** 2 X 8 = 16
- "Galsworthy's 'The Silver Box' is a bitter commentary on the legal system and social justice" - Discuss.
  - Sketch the character of Mrs. Barthwick.
  - Give an account of the arrest of the Jones.
  - Explain how Snow and Roper come to the rescue of the Barthwicks.

**SECTION - D**

- IV. Answer the following in about TWO pages each:** 2 X 8 = 16
- Describe Oliver's life before his flight to London.

**OR**

How does Dickens describe the life of the poor and the oppressed in his novel "Oliver Twist"?

- Bring out the significance of the title of the novel "Pride and Prejudice".

**OR**

Examine Jane-Bingley relationship.

- V. Write short notes on any TWO of the following in a page each:** 2 X 4 = 8
- The murder of Nancy
  - The character of Monks.
  - The character of Mr. Wickham.
  - The significance of dance in 'Pride and Prejudice'.

**SECTION - E**

- VI. Answer the following in about a page and a half:** 1 X 8 = 8
- How does Goldsmith view uncritical patriotism?

**OR**

Comment on the advices given by Bacon in his essay "Of Travel".

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