

**Final Year B.A., Degree Examination****August/September 2011**

Directorate of Correspondence Course

**ENGLISH OPTIONAL - IV****Poetry, Drama and Fiction**

Time: 3 hrs]

[Max.Marks: 70/80

**Instructions to candidates:**

1. Students who have attended 30 marks IA Scheme will have to answer for total of 70 marks.
2. Students who have attended 20 marks IA Scheme will have to answer for total of 80 marks.
3. Section-F is compulsory for 80 marks Scheme only.

**SECTION - A**

- I. Annotate any **THREE** of the following choosing **Two from Poetry and One from Drama:** 3 X 4 = 12

- a) He is all pine and I am apple orchard.  
My apple trees will never get across  
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
- b) May she be granted beauty and yet not  
Beauty to make a stranger's eye distraught.
- c) Was he free? Was he happy? The question is absurd:  
Had anything been wrong, we should certainly have heard.
- d) Martyrdom is always the design of God, for His love of men, to warn them and to lead them, to bring them back to His ways.
- e) No man at all can be living for ever, and we must be satisfied.

**SECTION - B**

- II. Answer any **TWO** of the following: 2 X 8 = 16

- a) Bring out Yeats' cyclical vision of history as revealed in the poem "The Second Coming"
- b) What is Frost's attitude to nature as dramatised in the poem "Stopping by Woods".
- c) Discuss the statement that "The Unknown Citizen" is a satire on the loss of individuality in bureaucratic society.
- d) Critically analyse Eliot's poem "The Hollow Men".

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## SECTION - C

III. Answer any TWO of the following:

2 X 8 = 16

- Write critically about the role of tempters in "Murder in the Cathedral".
- Discuss the dramatic significance of the chorus in "Murder in the Cathedral".
- Sketch the character of Becket.
- What is the importance of Becket's sermon on the Christmas Day?

## SECTION - D

IV. Answer any TWO of the following:

2 X 8 = 16

- Write briefly on the atmosphere of Oran before the outbreak of the plague.
- What is the role played by Grand in the novel 'The Plague'?
- Attempt a character sketch of Dr. Rieux.
- Write a note on Father Paneloux's reaction to the plague.

## SECTION - E

V. Answer any ONE of the following:

1 X 10 = 10

- "Riders to the Sea is the finest example in English literature of a great tragedy in one Act". Discuss.
- Sketch the character of Maurya.
- How does Synge bring out the conflict between Nature and Man in "Riders to the Sea"?

VI.

## SECTION - F

(Compulsory question for 80 Marks scheme only).

Answer any ONE of the following questions.

1 X 10 = 10

- What are the two diametrically opposite views that are mentioned about barriers in the poem "Mending wall"? Elaborate.

OR

"Murder in the Cathedral" is a play about the spiritual struggle and the martyrdom of Thomas Becket. Elaborate.

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