



DAA/DCA/DSA – 080

First Year B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Degree Examination, September/October 2012
Directorate of Distance Education
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70/80

- Instructions :** 1) *Students who have attended 30 Marks IA Scheme will have to answer for a total of 70 Marks.*
- 2) *Students who have attended 20 Marks IA Scheme will have to answer for a total of 80 Marks.*
- 3) *Section – B is compulsory for 80 marks Scheme only*

SECTION – A

I. Poetry :

A) Annotate any TWO of the following : (2×4=8)

- 1) The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Awaits alike th' inevitable hour
The paths of glory lead but to grave.
- 2) She died, and left to me
This heath, this calm and quiet scene
The memory of what has been,
And never more will be.
- 3) One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will,
To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.
- 4) The sea of faith
Was once, too at the full, and round earth's shore
Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furl'd.

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B) Answer **any TWO** of the following in a **page** and a **half each** : **(2×6=12)**

- 1) What kind of a lady is the wife of Bath as described by Chaucer ?
- 2) Summarise Shakespeare's sonnet 'Full Many a Glorious Morning Have I Seen'.
- 3) How does Milton's sonnet – 'How Soon Hath Time...' express his frustration for the failure, and devotion for God ?
- 4) 'It is a world devoid of love, faith, goodness, and our salvation lies only in our love for one another'. Substantiate the statement with reference to the poem, 'Dover Beach'.

II. Prose :

A) Answer the following in a phrase or a sentence as required : **(4×1=4)**

- 1) How do wise men view studies, according to Bacon ?
- 2) Why does the father of George Somers die ?
- 3) What did Dr. Heidegger consult whenever he had to solve difficult cases ?
- 4) From whom does Matilda borrow the necklace ?

B) Answer **any TWO** of the following in a **page** and a **half each** : **(2×6=12)**

- 1) How does Charles Dickens satirise the utilitarian philosophy of Thomas Gradgrind ?
- 2) Describe briefly the pathetic relationship between the widow and her only son.
- 3) How does the story (Gulliver in the land of Houyhnhms) relate the details of the house of Houyhnhms and their treatment to Gulliver ?
- 4) State Bacon's views and arguments about studies.



III. Fiction :

Answer **any TWO** of the following in **two** pages **each** : **(2×10=20)**

- 1) Consider 'Animal farm' as a political satire.
- 2) Sketch the character of Napoleon.
- 3) Write a note on the Battle of Cowshed.
- 4) Compare and contrast Boxer and Mollie.

IV. Language component.

A) Write a paragraph on **any ONE** of the following : **(1×4=4)**

- a) Importance of English
- b) Sound pollution
- c) Scientific outlook.

B) Rewrite as directed :

1) Change into passive voice : **(2×1=2)**

- a) My friend told me the news this morning.
- b) Who gave you this book ?

2) Use **any TWO** of the following, in sentences of your own : **(2×1=2)**

- a) along with
- b) a black sheep
- c) to call on
- d) from hand to mouth

3) Write synonyms for **any TWO** of the following words : **(2×1=2)**

- a) regular
- b) sick
- c) delight
- d) listen



4) Write antonyms for **any TWO** words : **(2×1=2)**

- a) mad
- b) common
- c) despair
- d) happy

5) Give one word substitute for **any TWO** of the following : **(2×1=2)**

- a) An unmarried woman
- b) Animals of specialised region or time
- c) Living in the same period.
- d) One who is self centered.

SECTION – B

V. (Compulsory question for **80** Marks scheme only)

Answer **any ONE** of the following : **(1×10=10)**

1) How does nature act as a teacher in the poem – ‘The Education of Nature’.

OR

2) Consider the poem ‘Ulysses’ as a representative poem of the Victorian spirit.
