



DCB – 080

**Second Year B.Com. Degree Examination, September/October 2012**  
**Directorate of Distance Education**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Texts : Julius Caesar, Power of Prose and Business Correspondence**

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 – D is compulsory for 80 marks scheme only.*

**SECTION – A**  
**(Drama)**

- I. Answer **any TWO** of the following in not more than **a page and a half each** : **(2×6=12)**
- How does Cassius raise a conspiracy against Julius Caesar ?
  - Sketch the character of Marcus Brutus.
  - Describe the scene in which Mark Antony turns the mob against Brutus and Cassius.
  - Give an estimation of the female characters in the play 'Julius Caesar'.
- II. Write a brief note on **any TWO** of the following : **(2×3=6)**
- Cinna, the poet
  - Appearance of the Ghost in the play
  - Artemidorous' letter to Julius Caesar
  - The quarrel between Brutus and Cassius.

**SECTION – B**  
**(Prose)**

- III. Answer **any TWO** of the following in not more than **a page and a half each** : **(2×6=12)**
- Bring out the relationship between Mini, the little girl and Cabuliwallah.
  - How does Khushwant Singh portray Mother Teresa in his essay ?
  - What are the arguments of Herman Wouk against advertising ?
  - How did Miss Martha try to bewitch the artist in the story 'Witches Loaves' ? Did she succeed ?

P.T.O.



- IV. Write a brief note on **any TWO** of the following : **(2×3=6)**
- Hardy's association with Ramanujan in England.
  - Dr. S Radhakrishnan's views on studying Humanities.
  - Multiple functions of water in the country side as explained by Dr. C. V. Raman.
  - The ending of the story Cabuliwallah.

**SECTION – C**  
**(Writing Skills)**

- V. a) Write an application in response to the following advertisement : **4**
- 'A multinational company is looking for a dynamic sales manager. M.B.A. Graduates with previous experience in the field can apply. Send your application with personal particulars to Post Box No. 101 C/o The Hindu, Bengaluru.

OR

Draft a circular letter announcing the Grand discount sale of silk sarees.

- b) You have received some plastic chairs and stools in damaged condition. Write a letter of complaint to your supplier, 'M/s. Sudha Traders, B.H. Road, Sagara, about the damage and ask for replacement. **4**

OR

On behalf of the principal of your college, write a letter to 'Geetha Book House', Mysore, placing an order for commerce books.

- c) On behalf of 'Bansilal Textiles', Thirthahalli, write a letter to The Manager, Canara Bank, asking for overdraft facility against shares. **4**

OR

On behalf of 'Vani Traders', B. H. Road, Bhadravathi. Write a letter to the sales manager, Asian Paints Mumbai, cancelling your order for paints as there is delay in despatch.

- VI. Write an essay in about **two** pages on **any one** of the following : **(1×10=10)**
- Relevance of distance education in India
  - Politics and religion
  - Educational uses of television.



VII. Explain the meaning of **any FOUR** commercial terms : **(4×1=4)**

- i) arbitration
- ii) back bill
- iii) credit standing
- iv) disclaim
- v) insolvent
- vi) tender.

VIII. Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title : **8**

Most of us do not realize how accelerated the rate of our lives has become or the speed at which we are driving ourselves. Men and women are destroying their bodies with this pace-and what is even more tragic, their minds and souls as well, for, constant over stimulation produces poison in the body and creates fatigue and emotional illness.

There are times when the only way to check this headlong pace is to stop abruptly. Everyone should insist upon not less than a quarter-of-an hour of absolute quiet every twenty four hours. As Thomas Carlyle said, "Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves". Go alone into the quietest place available and sit or lie down for fifteen minutes. Do not talk to any one. Do not read. Think as little as possible. This may be difficult at first because thoughts are stirring up in your mind, but practice will make it easier. Conceive of your mind as the surface of a body of water and see how nearly unruffled you can make it. Then try to listen for the deeper sounds of harmony and beauty and of God, that are to be found in the essence of silence.

SECTION – D

**(Compulsory question for 80 marks Scheme only)**

IX. Answer **any ONE** of the following in not more than **a page and a half** : **(1×10=10)**

- 1) Describe the scene in which Julius Caesar was assassinated by the conspirators.

OR

Give an account of the World of Nicolo and Paul as constructed by Issac Asimov in his lesson 'Someday'.

---