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Second Year B.A. Degree Examination

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013

(Directorate of Distance Education)

(DAB 440) Paper II – ENGLISH OPTIONAL

**Texts : Poetry, The Silver Box, Oliver Twist,
Pride and Prejudice and Essays**

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70/80

Instructions to Candidates :

- 1) *Students who have attended 30 marks I-A scheme will have to answer for a total of 70 marks.*
- 2) *Students who have attended 20 marks I-A scheme will have to answer for a total of 80 marks.*
- 3) *Section-F is compulsory for 80-marks scheme only.*

SECTION – A

I. Annotate any **FOUR** of the following choosing **TWO** from **POETRY** and **TWO** from **DRAMA** : **4 × 4 = 16**

- (a) Rough winds do shake the darling buds of may,
And Summer's lease hath all too short a date.
- (b) The dead shall live, the living die,
The music shall untune the sky.
- (c) If goodness lead him not. Yet weariness may toss him to my breast.
- (d) One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And death shall be no more, Death thou Shalt die
- (e) He is young limb, that what he is. It's my belief he was tipsy last night,
like your husband.
- (f) Education is simply ruining the lower classes. It unsettles them.

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- (g) You must speak the truth, if it is the truth.
But if you do remember such a dirty business,
I shall wash my hands of You all together.
- (h) I never stole the box. I took it.

SECTION – B

II. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about a page and a half each : **2 × 8 = 16**

- (a) Write a critical appreciation of John Milton's sonnet 'On His Blindness'.
- (b) How does John Donne prove that the world of the lovers is better than the physical world in his poem 'The Good Morrow'?
- (c) What do you learn about the musical powers of Orpheus and St. Cecilia from 'A song for St. Cecilia's Day'?
- (d) How does William Shakespeare treat the themes of love and friendship in his sonnets?

SECTION – C

III. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about a page and a half each : **2 × 6 = 12**

- (a) How are Jack and Jones contrasted in the play 'The Silver Box'?
- (b) Bring out the importance of the opening scene of the play 'The Silver Box'.
- (c) Give a critical estimate of Mrs. Barthwick.
- (d) Discuss 'The Silver Box' as a satire on the system of law and justice.

SECTION – D

IV. Answer the following in about two pages each : **2 × 8 = 16**

- (a) Consider 'Pride and Prejudice' as a country house (domestic) comedy.

Or

Examine Jane-Bingley relationship and bring out its importance to the theme of the play.

- (b) What role does Nancy play in the life of Oliver Twist?

Or

Sketch the character of Oliver Twist.

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SECTION – E

V. Answer the following in about a page and a half each : **1 × 10 = 10**

'Francis Bacon's essay 'of Travel' is a guide for travellers' – Discuss.

Or

What are Addison's observations on Epitaphs as you read in the essay 'Tombs in Westminster Abbey'

SECTION – F

VI. **Compulsory** question for **80** marks scheme only :

Answer any **ONE** of the following :

1 × 10 = 10

Give an account of the criminal section of the society as you see in the novel 'Oliver Twist' and comment on Dicken's attitude to it.

Or

How does George Herbert present God and man relationship in the poem, 'The Gifts of God'?
