

Q.P. Code – 51208

Second Year B.Com. Degree Examination

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013

(Directorate of Distance Education)

(DCB 080) Paper II – ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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

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-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

- (a) Sketch the character of Caius Cassius.
- (b) Write briefly on the fickleness of the Roman Plebeians (mob).
- (c) Sum up the conversation between Brutus and Cassius in the quarrel scene.
- (d) Comment on how Mark Antony turns the mob against Brutus and Cassius.

II. Write a brief note on any **TWO** of the following :

2 × 3 = 6

- (a) The assassination scene
- (b) The Festival of Lupercal
- (c) Cinna, the poet
- (d) Appearance of the Ghost in the play

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SECTION – B (PROSE)

III. Answer any **TWO** of the following in not more than a page and a half each : **2 × 6 = 12**

- (a) How does the depth of human emotions bind an educated writer with a poor peddler Rehaman in 'The Cabuliwallah'.
- (b) How does the Bard narrate the stories in 'Someday'?
- (c) How does Kushwant Singh portray Mother Teresa in his essay?
- (d) Summarise S. Radhakrishnan's comments on Religion.

IV. Write a brief note on any **TWO** of the following : **2 × 3 = 6**

- (a) The ending of the story 'The Cabuliwallah'.
- (b) Raman's suggestions for water conservation.
- (c) Herman Wouk's views on advertising.
- (d) Hardy's association with Ramanujan in England.

SECTION – C (WRITING SKILLS)

V. (a) Write an application for the post of a Clerk along with personal details. Send your application to the Manager, Hard Plastics, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore.

Or

Write a circular announcing the opening of a new branch of Arun Automobiles, New Delhi in your locality. **4**

(b) Write a letter of complaint to the Head Post Master, Bangalore about the late delivery of letters.

Or

On behalf of Super Automobiles, Bangalore, write a letter to the Maruti Udyog Ltd., New Delhi, placing an order for the new models of cars. **4**

(c) On behalf of BRS Books, Shimoga, write a letter of cancellation of orders to Vivek Book Publishers as there is delay in the delivery of books ordered.

Or

On behalf of excellent garments, Mysore, write a letter to the Punjab National Bank, Mysore seeking overdraft for Rs. 2,00,000. **4**

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VI. Write an essay in about two pages on any **ONE** of the following topics :
1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Foreign Direct Investment in Retail Marketing
- (b) Uses of Television
- (c) Politics and Corruption

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

- (a) Bill of exchange
- (b) Contract
- (c) Insolvent
- (d) Market Value
- (e) Premium
- (f) Working Capital

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

Many people regard a stamp as just something necessary for sending letters. They consider stamp-collecting a waste of time, effort and money and cannot realise that many people enjoy buying stamps. This hobby occupies their leisure, keeping them from less worth-while pursuits and passing the time quickly, pleasantly and profitably.

Stamp-collecting is unlimited and unending : countries are always issuing new stamps to celebrate important national events. It is fascinating to try to obtain these first, to receive letters from distant countries and to discover stamps in old books.

A stamp itself is fascinating, showing geographical and historical pictures, famous people and incidents. Stamps although small, contain vast knowledge.

SECTION – D

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

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

How does Cassius raise conspiracy against Julius Caesar?

Or

“The story ‘Some Day’ is a fine example of Science fiction” – Discuss.