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Second Year B.A. Degree Examination

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2015

(Directorate of Distance Education)

(DAB 440) Paper II – ENGLISH OPTIONAL

(Texts : Poetry, 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 total of 70 marks.*
- 2) *Students who have attended 20 marks I-A 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 FOUR of the following choosing TWO from Poetry and TWO from Drama : 4 × 4 = 16

- (a) “Thou art slave to fate, chance,
Kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war and sickness”
- (b) “Let the world’s riches, which dispersed lie
Contract into a span”
- (c) “And every fair from fair sometimes declines,
By chance, or nature’s changing course, untrimmed;”
- (d) “They also serve who only stand and wait”
- (e) “There is another Jones at College with me
I am not a socialist myself; I am a liberal”
- (f) “I have no patience with your talk of reform - all that nonsense about social policy. Those socialists and labour men are an absolutely selfish set of people.”
- (g) “It goes all through the lower classes. You cannot tell when they are speaking the truth.”
- (h) “... how did he obtain access to this house and were you in any way party to his obtaining access?”

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SECTION – B

II. Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each :

2 × 8 = 16

- (a) Discuss the significance of the poem “The Gifts of God”.
- (b) How does the poet celebrate the power of music in “A Song for Cecilia’s Day”? Explain.
- (c) Analyse the argument of the poet against the fear of death in the poem “Death, be not proud”.
- (d) How does Shakespeare glorify his friend in the poem “Shall I Compare thee?”

SECTION – C

III. Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each :

2 × 6 = 12

- (a) “The play “Silver Box” depicts a Society where law is not the same for the rich and the poor” – Do you agree?
- (b) Comment on the theme of social injustice in the play “Silver Box”.
- (c) Bring out the relationship between Mr. Bathwick and his son.
- (d) Sketch the character of Mrs. Jones.

SECTION – D

IV. Answer the following in about two pages each :

2 × 8 = 16

- (a) Describe the difficulties faced by Oliver Twist.
Or
Comment on the theme of evil in the novel “Oliver Twist”.
- (b) Bring out the significance of the title Pride and Prejudice.
Or
Give a feminist reading of the novel “Pride and Prejudice”.

SECTION – E

V. Answer the following in about a page and a half :

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Comment on Bacon’s views on travel.
Or
Summarise Addison’s views on “The Tombs in Westminster Abbey”.

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SECTION – F

VI. Compulsory question for 80 marks scheme only :

Answer any **ONE** of the following :

1 × 10 = 10

(a) Comment on the series of comparisons in the poem “Shall I Compare Thee”.

Or

What according to Addison are national Prejudices? Explain.
