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Second Year B.A. Degree Examination, DECEMBER 2017

(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 only for 80-marks scheme.*

SECTION – A

I. Annotate any FOUR of the following choosing TWO from Poetry and TWO from Drama : 4 × 4 = 16

- (a) When God at first made Man,
Having a glass of blessings standing by;
- (b) The dead shall live, the living die,
And Music shall untune the sky!
- (c) When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my days in this dark world and wide,
- (d) Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May
And summer's lease hath all too short a date
- (e) We are all equal before the law – that's rot, that's silly.
- (f) If you choose go get drunk and break the law afterwards you must take the consequences.
- (g) And Labour men are an absolutely selfish set of people. They have no sense of patriotism, like the upper classes, they simply want what we've got.
- (h) Don't ask me to help you next time. You are not fit to be helped.

SECTION – B

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

- (a) "A Song for St. Cecilia's Day celebrates the power of music." Explain.
- (b) How does Shakespeare attempt to preserve young man's beauty for all the time in the Sonnet 18, *Shall I Compare Thee?* Explain.

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- (c) Does the comparison between death and sleep make sense outside the theological context in “*Death, Be Not Proud*”? Explain.
- (d) Critically examine the poem “*On His Blindness*”.

SECTION – C

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

- (a) Portray the social reality in the play *The Silver Box*.
- (b) Sketch the characters of Mr. and Mrs. Barthwick.
- (c) Examine the corruption of politicians in *The Silver Box*.
- (d) Critically analyse the defective functioning of the legal machinery in the *The Silver Box*.

SECTION – D

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

- (a) Examine *Oliver Twist* as a novel of crime and villainy.

Or

Discuss the relationship between Nancy and Sikes.

- (b) Is Mr. Bennet a positive or negative character? Elucidate.

Or

Critically examine the title *Pride and Prejudice*.

SECTION – E

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

- (a) Critically examine the views of Bacon in the essay *Of Travel*.

Or

Analyse the reflections of *Tombs of Westminster Abbey* as presented by Addison.

SECTION – F

VI. Compulsory question for 80 marks scheme only :

Answer any ONE of the following : 1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Examine the relationship between God and Man as focussed by George Herbert.

Or

Explain the opinions of Addison on *National Prejudices*.