

**Q.P. Code – 50344**

**Final Year B.A. Degree Examination, DECEMBER 2017**

**(Directorate of Distance Education)**

*(Old and New Scheme)*

**(DAC 460) Paper V – ENGLISH OPTIONAL**

**(Texts : Growth of English Language and Characteristics of Modern English, Hudson and Practical Criticism)**

*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-D is compulsory only for 80-marks scheme.*

**SECTION – A**

**I. Indicate the origin of EIGHT of the following words :**

**8 × 2 = 16**

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|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| (a) cipher  | (b) shawl      | (c) kowtow  | (d) kimino   |
| (e) bamboo  | (f) igloo      | (g) caste   | (h) cannibal |
| (i) studio  | (j) landscape  | (k) skipper | (l) stadium  |
| (m) nirvana | (n) guillotine | (o) cliché  | (p) chorus   |

**II. Answer any TWO of the following :**

**2 × 10 = 20**

- (a) Write a note on the origin and growth of languages.
- (b) What are the characteristics of Old English? Explain.
- (c) What are the contemporary influences on English? Elucidate.
- (d) Write short notes on any **TWO** of the following :
  - (i) The Norman Conquest
  - (ii) The Influence of Bible
  - (iii) The Latin influence
  - (iv) Television and English Language

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### SECTION – B

#### III. Answer any TWO of the following :

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- (a) What according to Hudson are the features of fiction? Describe.
- (b) Explain Hudson's description of tragedy. Mention its types.
- (c) What is criticism? What are its features?
- (d) Write short notes on any **TWO** of the following :
  - (i) Soliloquy
  - (ii) First Person narration
  - (iii) Pastoral
  - (iv) Picaresque Novel

### SECTION – C

#### IV. Attempt a critical analysis of TWO of the following passages choosing ONE from Poetry and ONE from Prose :

2 × 7 = 14

#### POETRY

- (a) The Red Wheelbarrow

so much depends  
upon  
a red wheel  
barrow  
glazed with rain  
water  
beside the white  
chickens.

- (b) Fire and Ice

Some say the world will end in fire,  
Some say in ice.  
From what I have tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire.  
But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice.

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### PROSE

- (a) Success and failure are part of life. One should take failure as a challenge and try to overcome in life. So failure is neither frustrating nor depressing event. Whatever be the size and nature of failure, it always comes as God's grace and blessing. Failures bring forth certain realities which should be attended to at the earliest possible. It reveals the flaws the defects, in the process applied to sort out problem. It teaches or guides and inspires us to change the path. It also gives chance and enables you to analyze and study the various steps adopted to perform a certain job. Instead of crying and mourning in case of failure one should without any delay give serious thought to act more impressively. It gives a power to the person to challenge the failure. It also provides strength to prove one's vigour and adaptability. Although it creates some disappointments, it ultimately gives place to enthusiasm and zeal. It motivates to take recourse to the cherished dream. In brief, it can be said that failure truly prepares a person for the next great success.
- (b) One of the consequences of rapid commercialization of cricket is the distinct unwillingness on the part of an international side, as especially its captain, to accept defeat with grace. Umpiring is one of the most controversial subjects in international cricket and the way things are going, no umpire is going to escape criticism from touring teams. ICC has decided to adopt neutral umpires. This is implemented in spite of many complications. Technology is extensively used now. But it is like a double edged sword. The degree of success is certainly there for everyone to see. However sometimes, it is ambivalent, and confusing. When it is ambivalent, it is better to use common sense. Both umpires and players must withstand the pressure in modern day cricket. Especially, the captains must lead the way in sportsmanship and he should have ideal leadership qualities. Over commercialization has lead to fall of test standards all over the world.

### SECTION – D

#### V. Compulsory question for 80 marks scheme only :

Answer any ONE of the following :

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Comment on the different theories regarding the origin of language.
- (b) Bring out the contribution of Bible to the English language.