

Second Year B.A., Degree Examination

August/September 2011

Directorate of Correspondence Course

ENGLISH OPTIONAL - II

Poetry, Silver Box, Oliver Twist, Pride and Prejudice and Essays

Time: 3 hrs]

[Max.Marks: 70/80

Instructions to candidates:

1. Students who have attended 30 marks IA Scheme will have to answer for total of 70 marks.
2. Students who have attended 20 marks IA 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 X 4 = 16

- a) Love is not love
If it alters when it alteration finds
- b) If goodness lead him not, yet weariness
May toss him to my breast.
- c) The dead shall live, the living die,
And music shall untune the sky.
- d) For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
- e) We're all equal before the law-that's not, that's silly
- f) Those socialists 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
- g) One must do as other fellows do. It's such nonsense,
I mean, to call it being drunk. Of course I'm awfully sorry.
- h) And let me tell you that men like you, who get drunk
And give way to your spite or whatever it is that's in you,
Are - are - a nuisance to the community.

SECTION - B

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

- a) How does Shakespeare confer immortality to his friend's beauty in his sonnet "Shall I Compare Thee"?
- b) Explain briefly Donne's concept of love as revealed in his poem "Good Morrow".

- c) Critically appreciate Milton's sonnet "On His Blindness".
- d) What are the passions that music can raise and quell in Dryden's "A Song for St. Cecilia's Day"?

SECTION - C

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

- a) Discuss 'The Silver Box' as a satire on the system of Law and Justice.
- b) Write a note on the magistrate's verdict and Jone's reaction to the verdict.
- c) Bring out the contrast between Mr. and Mrs. Barthwick.
- d) Comment on the realism of the play "The Silver Box".

SECTION - D

IV. *Answer the following in about TWO pages each:* 2 X 8 = 16

- a) Discuss 'Oliver Twist' as a social satire.

OR

Critically examine Nancy's relations with Sikes.

- b) Write briefly on the first meeting of Elizabeth and Darcy.

OR

Contrast the characters of Jane Bennet with Elizabeth Bennet.

SECTION - E

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

Summarise Bacon's views as expressed in his essay "Of Ambition".

OR

What are Addison's reflections on the tombs in Westminster Abbey?

VI. SECTION - F

(Compulsory question for 80 Marks scheme only).

Answer any ONE of the following questions.

1 X 10 = 10

1. Attempt a critical summary of the sonnet "Let me not to the marriage of true minds".

OR

What does Francis Bacon say about the do's and don'ts to be followed by travellers in his essay "Of Travel"?
