

First Year B.A./B.Sc./B.Com., Degree Examination**August/September 2011**

Directorate of Correspondence Course

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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-B is compulsory for 80 marks Scheme only.

SECTION - A**I. POETRY**A) *Annotate any TWO of the following:*

2 X 4 = 8

1. Bold was her face, and fair, and red of hue
She was a worthy woman all her life.
2. Suns of the world may stain when heavens' sun staineth
3. The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave
Awaits alike th' inevitable hour:
The paths of glory lead but to the grave
4. Come, my friends
It's not too late to seek a newer world.

B) *Answer any TWO of the following in a page and a half each:*

2 X 6 = 12

1. What are Milton's thoughts on time as revealed in "How soon Hath Time"?
2. Attempt a character sketch of Ulysses from your reading of Tennyson's poem.
3. Consider Matthew Arnold's "Dover Beach" as a poem of despair and hope.
4. How does Chaucer describe the Wife of Bath?

II. PROSEA) *Answer the following in a phrase or a sentence as required:*

4 X 1 = 4

1. At what age did George Somers, the widow's only son die?
2. Name the lady whom Dr. Heidegger intended to Marry.
3. Where was Mr. Loisel employed?
4. According to Bacon, what is the benefit of studying history?

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- B) *Answer the TWO of the following in a page and a half each:* 2 X 6 = 12
1. Describe Gulliver's experiences in the land of Houyhnhnms.
 2. "The sorrow of the widow is very well brought out in the story 'The widow and her son' by Washington Irving", - Elucidate.
 3. Summarise Bacon's views on study.
 4. Write a note on Matilda's preparation for the party.

III. FICTION

Answer any TWO of the following in two pages each. 2 X 10 = 20

1. Sketch the character of Old Major.
2. Comment on the significance of the battle of cowshed.
3. 'Animal farm' is a fable - Substantiate.
4. Compare Boxer and Mollie.

IV. LANGUAGE COMPONENT

A) *Write a paragraph on any ONE of the following.* 1 X 4 = 4

- a) An ideal teacher
- b) Communal harmony
- c) Importance of computer knowledge

B) *Rewrite as directed:*

1) *Change into Passive Voice.* 2 X 1 = 2

- a) Rajesh wrote a book.
- b) The teacher teaches English grammar.

2) *Use any TWO of the following in sentences of your own.* 2 X 1 = 2

- a) Abstain from
- b) Bring up
- c) Give up
- d) To do away with

3) *Write Synonyms for any TWO words.* 2 X 1 = 2

- a) Shut b) Old c) happy d) empty

4) *Write Antonyms for any TWO words.* 2 X 1 = 2

- a) Heavy b) debit c) vice d) Friend

5) *Give one word substitute for any TWO of the following.* 2 X 1 = 2

- a) Someone who works in the same department/office.
- b) Not believing in the existence of God.

- c) One who does not believe in government
- d) That which kills germs.

SECTION - B

V. (Compulsory question for 80 Marks scheme only).

Answer any ONE of the following questions.

1 X 10 = 10

1. Show how Shakespeare pays his tribute to his friend in the sonnet "Full many a glorious morning".

OR

How does Dickens satirize the utilitarian philosophy of Thomas Gradgrind?
