



DAA – 440

First Year B.A. Degree Examination, September/October 2012
Directorate of Distance Education
ENGLISH OPTIONAL – I

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70/80

- Instructions :** 1) *Students who have attended **30 Marks IA Scheme** will have to answer for a total of **70 Marks**.*
- 2) *Students who have attended **20 Marks IA Scheme** will have to answer for a total of **80 Marks**.*
- 3) *Section – B is compulsory for **80 marks scheme** only.*

SECTION – A

- I. A) Annotate **any TWO** of the following : **(2×5=10)**
- a) They flash upon my inward eye
which is the bliss of solitude.
- b) Here, where men sit and hear each other groan ;
Where palsy shakes a few, and last gray hairs.
- c) Such harmonious madness
From my lips should flow
The world should listen then – as I am listening now.
- d) I was ever a fighter, so – one fight more,
The best and the last.
- B) Answer **any TWO** of the following in not more than **a page** and **a half each** : **(2×10=20)**
- a) 'The optimism of the poet embodies his philosophy of life'. Substantiate the statement with reference to Browning's 'Prospice'.
- b) Bring out the supernatural element in Coleridge's 'Christabel'.
- c) How does the unsullied happiness of the skylark contrast with the pangs of mankind ?
- d) How do Wordsworth's 'Daffodils' and 'The Solitary Reaper' stand for his philosophy of poetry.

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- II. Answer **any ONE** of the following in about **a page and a half**. **(1×10=10)**
- a) Comment on the title of the play 'A Doll's House'.
 - b) Sketch the character of Trovald Helmer.
- III. Answer **any TWO** of the following in about **a page and a half** : **(2×10=20)**
- a) Consider 'Wuthering Heights' as a romantic novel.
 - b) Describe the relationship between Catherine and Heathcliff.
 - c) Sketch the character of Nelly Dean.
- IV. Answer **any ONE** of the following in about **a page and a half** : **(1×10=10)**
- a) What is literature, according to Hudson ?
 - b) What is Taine's formula of literary evaluation ? What are the objections of Hudson to the formula ?

SECTION – B

- V. (**Compulsory** question for **80** Marks Scheme only)
Answer **any ONE** of the following questions : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) Evaluate Keats' 'Ode to a Nightingale'.

OR

Make a brief character study of Linton Heathcliff and Isabella.
