



**DAB – 440**

**Second Year B.A. Degree Examination, Sep./Oct. 2012**

**Directorate of Distance Education**

**ENGLISH OPTIONAL – II**

**Texts : Poetry, Silver Box, Oliver Twist, Pride and Prejudice, and Essays**

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) *Student who have attended 20 marks. IA scheme will have to answer for a total of 80 marks.*

3) *Section F is compulsory only for 80 marks scheme.*

**SECTION – A**

I. Annotate **FOUR** of the following choosing **TWO** from **poetry** and **TWO** from

**Drama :**

**(4×4=16)**

- a) So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,  
So long lives this and this gives life to thee.
- b) For love all love of other sights controls,  
And makes one little room an everywhere.
- c) Yet let him keep the rest,  
But keep them with repining restlessness :
- d) From Harmony, from heavenly Harmony  
This universal frame began :
- e) We're all equal before the law – that's rot, that's silly.
- f) Don't ask me to help you next time. You're not fit to be helped.
- g) It's a case of the blind leading the blind.
- h) If you choose to get drunk and break the law afterwards you must take the consequences.

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## SECTION – B

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

- a) How does Shakespeare present the quality of true love in his sonnet “Let Me Not to the Marriage of True Minds” ?
- b) Write an appreciation of “On His Blindness”.
- c) What do you understand about the relationship between God and Man in the poem “The Gifts of God” ?
- d) How does the poet celebrate the power of music in “A Song for St. Cecilia’s Day” ?

## SECTION – C

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

- a) How does the playwright satirize the system of law and justice in *The Silver Box* ?
- b) What do you understand about the social reality in *The Silver Box* ?
- c) Comment on the verdict of the Magistrate and on Jones’s reaction to the verdict.
- d) Sketch the character of Jack Barthwick.

## SECTION – D

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

- a) Give an account of Oliver’s apprenticeship to Mr. Sowerberry.

OR

CONSIDER OLIVER TWIST as a social satire.



b) Sketch the character of Elizabeth.

OR

Comment on the theme and technique of *Pride and Prejudice*.

SECTION – E

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

What is an essay ? Bring out Bacon's views on travel in the essay "Of Travel".

OR

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

SECTION – F

**(Compulsory Question Only for 80 Marks Scheme)**

VI. Answer **any ONE** of the following : **(1×10=10)**

Write an appreciation of the poem "Death, Be Not Proud".

OR

Summarize the views of Addison on National Prejudices.

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