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First Year B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Degree Examination

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(Directorate of Distance Education)

(DAA/DCA/DSA 080) Paper I – ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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 a total of 70 marks.*
- 2) *Students who have attended 20 marks I-A scheme will have to answer for a total of 80 marks.*
- 3) *Section-B is compulsory for 80-marks scheme only.*

SECTION – A

POETRY :

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

2 × 4 = 8

- (a) Her handkerchiefs were of very fine texture
I dare swear they weighed ten pounds,
That on a Sunday were upon her head.
- (b) Yet him for this my love no whit disdaineth;
Suns of the world may stain when heaven's sun staineth.
- (c) Perhaps in this neglected spot is laid
Some heart pregnant with celestial fire;
Hands, that the rod of empire might have swayed,
Or waked to ecstasy the living lyre :
- (d) Yet all experience is an arch where through
Gleams that untravelled world, whose margin fades
For ever and for ever when I move.

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

1. What are Milton's observations on 'time' in the poem 'How soon hath time'?
2. How does the poem 'Dover Beach' highlight the importance of faith in a faithless world?
3. How does Shakespeare express the misunderstanding between himself and his friend in his sonnet?
4. Describe the wife of Bath as portrayed by Chaucer.

PROSE :

II. A. Answer the following in a phrase or a sentence as required : **4 × 1 = 4**

1. According to Bacon 'Reading maketh a ——— man'. (Fill in the blank with the correct word)
2. What was the cause of the father's death in "The widow and her son"?
3. What is the name of the girl referred to as 'girl number twenty'?
4. According to Dr. Heidegger what would happen if one drank the 'fountain of youth'?

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

1. Describe briefly Gulliver's experience in the land of the Houyhnhnms.
2. According to Bacon how can studies cure the mental deficiency of man?
3. Describe the experiment conducted by Dr. Heidegger and what was the outcome.
4. Discuss 'The Diamond Necklace' as a story about the false prestige of a middle class woman.

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FICTION :

III. Answer any **TWO** of the following in two pages each : **2 × 10 = 20**

1. Narrate the incidents that led to the Battle of Cowshed.
2. Discuss 'Animal Farm' as a political satire.
3. Describe Snowball's various schemes for the welfare of the animals on the farm.
4. Comment on Napoleon's rule in Animal Farm.

IV. LANGUAGE COMPONENT :

A. Write a paragraph on any **ONE** of the following : **1 × 4 = 4**

- (a) Conservation of forests
- (b) Dress Code in Colleges
- (c) Influence of films on youth

B. Rewrite as directed :

1. Change the following into passive voice : **2 × 1 = 2**

- (a) He has written a novel.
- (b) Who broke this window pane?

2. Use any **TWO** of the following in sentences of your own : **2 × 1 = 2**

- (a) at home
- (b) to bear with
- (c) bread and butter
- (d) to blow one's own trumpet

3. Write synonyms for any **TWO** of the following : **2 × 1 = 2**

- (a) refuse
- (b) happy
- (c) construct
- (d) famous

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4. Write antonyms for any **TWO** of the following : **2 × 1 = 2**
- (a) victory
 - (b) honest
 - (c) young
 - (d) weak
5. Give one word substitute for any **TWO** of the following : **2 × 1 = 2**
- (a) of unknown name or authorship
 - (b) not believing in the existence of God.
 - (c) A man who eats human flesh.
 - (d) That which kills germs.

SECTION – B

- V. **Compulsory** question for 80 marks scheme only :

Answer any **ONE** of the following : **1 × 10 = 10**

1. How does 'Ulysses' represent the Victorian spirit of passion for knowledge?
 2. Comment on the role played by nature in the poem "The Education of nature".
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