

Second Year B.A., Degree Examination

August/September 2010

(Directorate of Correspondence Course)

(Freshers')

ENGLISH OPTIONAL - II

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

Time: 3 hrs]

[Max.Marks: 80

SECTION - A

I. *Annotate any FOUR of the following choosing Two from Poetry and Two from Drama:* 4 X 4 = 16

- a) Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May.
- b) They also serve who only stand and wait.
- c) If our loves be one, or thou and I
Love so alike that none do slacken, none can die.
- d) Yet let him keep the rest
But keep them with repining restlessness
- e) It's my belief he was tipsy last night, like your husband.
It's another kind of bein' out of work that sets him to drink.
- f) You don't seem to have any principles. You - you're
one of those who are a nuisance to society.
- g) Servants have too much licence. They hang together so terribly you never can tell
what they're really thinking.
- h) You give the excuse that you were drunk when you stole the box. I tell you that is no
excuse.

SECTION - B

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

- a) Explain briefly Shakespeare's concept of true love as revealed in his sonnet "Let me not to the Marriage of True Minds".
- b) How does Donne demolish the idea that death is mighty and dreadful in the poem "Death, Be not Proud"?
- c) Critically appreciate Herbert's poem "The Gifts of God".
- d) How does Dryden glorify the power of music in his poem "A Song for St. Cecilia's Day"?

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SECTION - C

- III. Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each:** 2 X 8 = 16
- a) "Galsworthy's 'The Silver Box' is a bitter commentary on the legal system and social justice" - Discuss.
 - b) Sketch the character of Mrs. Barthwick.
 - c) Give an account of the arrest of the Jones.
 - d) Explain how Snow and Roper come to the rescue of the Barthwicks.

SECTION - D

- IV. Answer the following in about TWO pages each:** 2 X 8 = 16
- a) Describe Oliver's life before his flight to London.

OR

How does Dickens describe the life of the poor and the oppressed in his novel "Oliver Twist"?

- b) Bring out the significance of the title of the novel "Pride and Prejudice".

OR

Examine Jane-Bingley relationship.

- V. Write short notes on any TWO of the following in a page each:** 2 X 4 = 8
- a) The murder of Nancy
 - b) The character of Monks.
 - c) The character of Mr. Wickham.
 - d) The significance of dance in 'Pride and Prejudice'.

SECTION - E

- VI. Answer the following in about a page and a half:** 1 X 8 = 8
- How does Goldsmith view uncritical patriotism?

OR

Comment on the advices given by Bacon in his essay "Of Travel".

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