

## First Year B.A., Degree Examination

**August/September 2010**

(Directorate of Correspondence Course)

(Freshers')

### ENGLISH OPTIONAL - I

Time: 3 hrs]

[Max.Marks: 80

*Note: Answer all questions.*

- I. A. Annotate any TWO of the following:** 2 X 5 = 10
- a) Ten thousand saw I at a glance  
Tossing their heads in a sprightly dance.
  - b) Then felt I like some watcher of the skies  
When a new planet swims into his ken.
  - c) Away! Away! for I will fly to thee,  
Not charioted by Bacchus and his bards  
But on the viewless wings of poesy.
  - d) Teach me half the gladness  
That thy brain must know.
- B. Answer any TWO of the following in not more than a page and a half each:** 2 X 10 = 20
- a) How does Robert Browning affirm his faith in the immortality of soul in his poem, "Prospice"?
  - b) Bring out the different layers of meaning in William Blakes' poem "The Tiger".
  - c) Critically appreciate Keats "Ode to a Nightingale".
  - d) Explain the similes Shelley uses in his poem "Ode to a Skylark".
- C. Write short notes on any TWO of the following:** 2 X 5 = 10
- a) The impact of the song of the solitary reaper on the poet.
  - b) John Keats' reflections on Chapman's Homer.
  - c) Tom's dream in the poem 'Chimney-Sweeper'.
- II. Answer any ONE of the following in about a page and a half:** 1 X 10 = 10
- a) Comment on the relationship between Nils Krogstad and Christian Linde, in the drama 'A Doll's House'.
  - b) Sketch the character of Dr. Rank in the play 'A Doll's House'.

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- III. *Answer any TWO of the following in about a page and a half each:* 2 X 10 = 20
- a) Describe Cathy's love to Hareton in the novel 'Wuthering Heights'.
  - b) Sketch the character of Edgar Linton.
  - c) Comment on the narrative technique employed in the novel 'Wuthering Heights'.
- IV. *Answer any ONE of the following in about a page and a half:* 1 X 10 = 10
- a) Discuss the different approaches to the study of literature as recorded by Hudson.
  - b) Write a note on Taine's theory of literature.

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