



**DAB/DSB – 080**

**Second Year B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, September/October 2012  
(Directorate of Distance Education)**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Texts : Poetry, Julius Caesar, Power of Prose  
and Language Component**

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 – F is compulsory for 80 marks scheme only.*

**SECTION – A**

I. Annotate the following, choosing **TWO** from **poetry** and **TWO** from **drama** :

**(4×4=16)**

- a) Neither a borrower, nor a lender be ;  
For loan oft loses both itself and friend,
- b) If they be two, they are two so  
As stiff twin compasses are two ;
- c) In every voice, in every ban,  
The mind forged manacles I hear.
- d) Much the same smile ? this grew, I gave commands ;  
Then all smiles stopped together. There she stands
- e) A trade sir, that, I hope, I may use with a safe  
conscience ; which is, indeed, sir a mender of bad soles.
- f) It must be by his death ; and for my part.  
I know no personal cause to spurn at him,  
But for the general.”
- g) The evil that men do lives after them  
The good is oft interred with their bones ;
- h) Beware the ides of march.

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SECTION – B  
(Poetry)

- II. Answer **any TWO** of the following in not more than **a page each** : **(2×5=10)**
- Analyse the poem London.
  - Discuss how “self” over powers a person beyond realisation” with reference to “Ozymandias” ?
  - Critically analyse the poem “Ode on a Grecian Urn”.
  - What are your impressions of the “Dutchess” in “My Last Dutchess” ?

SECTION – C  
(Drama)

- III. Answer **any TWO** of the following in **a page and a half each** : **(2×5=10)**
- Comment on the opening scene of “Julius Caesar”.
  - Sketch the character of Mark Antony.
  - Comment on the super natural elements in ‘Julius Caesar’.
  - Can Brutus be considered as Tragic Hero along with Julius Caesar ? Discuss

SECTION – D  
(Prose)

- IV. Answer **any TWO** of the following in **not more than a page each** : **(2×5=10)**
- How is “Some Day” relevant to “Present Day’ situation ? Discuss.
  - Discuss how the need for conservation of water is stressed in Sir. C. V. Raman’s essay.
  - Comment on the Pathos in the story “Witches’ Loaves”.
  - How is the character of Rehaman portrayed in ‘Cabulliwalah’ ?

SECTION – E  
(Language Component)

- V. A) Write an essay on **any ONE** of the following : **(4×1=4)**
- Distance education.
  - Use and abuse of internet.
  - Unity is strength.



- B) Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title : **8**

Illiteracy is a social problem in India. As per the definition given by Government, a person who has attained the age of seven years and does not know how to read and write in any language is known as illiterate. A country's progress depends much on literacy. About 35 percent of the population of India is illiterate. According to the Global Education Monitoring Report of 2005, India ranks 106 out of 127 countries surveyed. The rate of illiteracy is the highest among the poor and the agricultural labourers. The Constitution Amendment Act of 2002 has made elementary education a fundamental right for children in the age group of 6-14 years. More than 50 percent of the villages in India do not have a primary school. Even today, single teacher schools exist in many parts of India. The Government has been undertaking steps to remove illiteracy. The people as well as the NGOs should assist the Government to carry out its policies more effectively.

- C) Read the paragraph carefully and answer the questions set on it : **(4×1=4)**

The Walnut tree produces wood that is used for countless purposes, and is considered the finest wood in the world. The wood is easy to work with, yet it is very hard and durable and when it is polished it produces a rich dark lustre, it also shrinks and swells less than any other wood which makes it especially desirable for fine furniture, flooring and even gun stocks.

In fact, just about every part of the walnut is usually hard and strong. The nut of the tree is encased (covered) inside a very hard shell, which itself is encased in a leathery outer covering called husk. It requires a real effort to break through those layers to get the tasty meat inside.

Yet every part of walnut is useful to people. The outer husk produces a dark reddish stain that is hard to remove from the hands of the person who opens the nut, and this pigment is widely used in dyes and wood stains. The inner shell is used to clean jet engines as an abrasive. And the meat of the nut is used extensively in cooking, ice cream flavouring substances, and just eaten raw. The walnut tree exudes chemical into the soil which is poisonous for some trees and shrubs.

- 1) How is the walnut wood useful ?
- 2) Give reasons for the extensive use of walnut wood.
- 3) Why is the walnut tree poisonous to some other trees ?
- 4) Which part of the nut is used to clean jet engines ?



D) Rewrite as directed :

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- 1) The teacher said to the students, “Stand up now”. (Change into indirect speech)
- 2) Galileo said that the sun rises in the east. (Change into direct speech)

E) Fill in the blanks with appropriate ‘prepositions :

(3×1=3)

- 1) He planted a tree \_\_\_\_\_ the campus. (inside/at)
- 2) The P.M. came to Bangalore \_\_\_\_\_ Helicopter. (by/in)
- 3) The lady was speaking \_\_\_\_\_ mobile phone. (by/over)

F) Fill in the blanks with suitable form of the verbs given in brackets :

(3×1=3)

- 1) Time and Tide \_\_\_\_\_ for none. (to wait)
- 2) Workers \_\_\_\_\_ less wages earlier. (to receive)
- 3) How far \_\_\_\_\_ Sagar from Sirsi ? (to be)

#### SECTION – F

VI. ( **Compulsory** for 80 mark scheme only)

Answer **any ONE** of the following :

(1×10=10)

Critically estimate “My Last Dutchess” as a dramatic monologue.

OR

Sketch the character of Julius Caesar.

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