First Year B.A. Degree Examination, DECEMBER 2017

(Directorate of Distance Education)

(*Old and New Scheme*)

(DAA 440) Paper I – ENGLISH OPTIONAL

(Texts : A Doll's House, Wuthering Heights, An Introduction to the Study of Literature by Hudson)

Time : 3 Hours]   *[Max. Marks : 70/80*

Instructions to Candidates :

    *Answer **ALL** questions.*

I.   A.   **Annotate any TWO of the following :**   **2 × 5 = 10**

    (i)   Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow,

          For old, unhappy, far-off things,

          And battles long ago.

    (ii)   Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thought

    (iii)   In what distant deeps or skies

          Burnt the fire of thine eyes?

    (iv)   Tis not through envy of thy happy lot,

          But being too happy in thine happiness.

     B.   **Answer any TWO of the following :**   **2 × 10 = 20**

    (i)   Bring out the plight of the Chimney sweeper as reflected in the poem of Blake.

    (ii)   Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem, '*Daffodils*'.

    (iii)   Describe the impact of the song of the nightingale on the poet in 'Ode to a Nightingale'.

    (iv)   Consider the poem 'Christabel' as a romantic poem of supernatural horror.

II.   **Answer any ONE of the following in about a page and a half each :**   **1 × 10 = 10**

    (a)   Consider 'A Doll's House' as a feminist play.

    (b)   Sketch the character of Nora.

III. Answer any TWO of the following :   **2 × 10 = 20**

    (a) 'Wuthering Heights' is a story of love and hate – Discuss.

    (b) How do Wuthering Heights and Thrushcross Grange seem to represent two opposite poles?

    (c) Write short notes on any **TWO** of the following :

        (i) Edgar Linton

        (ii) Isabella

        (iii) Nelly Dean

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

    (a) What are the best methods of studying an author?

    (b) Elucidate Hudson's views on Literature and Classification of Literature.

V. Compulsory question for 80 marks scheme only :

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

    (a) Examine the contrast between the Skylark and human beings as presented in the Poem, 'To a Skylark'.

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Discuss the narrative techniques employed in 'Wuthering Heights'.

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