

Open Book First Year B.A/B.Com Degree Examination, Jan 2021

(SLM Scheme)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Poetry, Prose, Fiction and Grammar

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instructions: *All Sections are compulsory*

SECTION-A

Annotate **any four** of the following:

(4 x5=20)

- 1) Not marble, nor gilded monuments
Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme;
- 2) O no! it is an ever- fixed mark
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;
- 3) Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife,
Their sober wishes never learn'd to stray;
- 4) When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
- 5) Dear God! the very houses seem asleep;
All that mighty heart is lying still!
- 6) I cannot rest from travel: I will drink
Life to the lees: all times I have enjoyed

SECTION-B

Answer **any three** questions without omitting **Poetry or Novel**. (3 x 10=30)

- 7) Write a critical appreciation of Thomas Grey's elegy.
- 8) Describe the adventurous spirit of Ulysses.
- 9) Comment on Raju's life as a saint.
- 10) Give an account of Raju's childhood.
- 11) Bring out the significance of the title *The Guide*.

SECTION-C

Answer **any three** questions. **Question 12 is compulsory**. Wherever necessary marks are separately displayed for sub sections. (3 x 10=30)

- 12) Summarize O' Henry's "Witches Loaves".

OR

Discuss Addison's views on "Ladies Head-Dress".

- 13) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (5 x 2 =10)

Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Act 2005 (MGNREGA) is an Indian labour law and social security measure that aims to guarantee the 'right to work'. This act was passed in September 2005. Mission statement of the act is that it aims to enhance livelihood by providing at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

The act was first proposed in 1991 by P.V. Narasimha Rao. It was finally accepted in the parliament and commenced implementation in 625 districts of India. Another aim of MGNREGA is to create durable assets such as roads, canals, ponds and wells. MGNREGA is implemented by gram panchayaths.

Questions:

- i) MGNREGA is an _____ law and _____ security measure.
- ii) When was MGNREGA proposed first? Who proposed it?
- iii) Mention two aims of MGNREGA.
- iv) When was MGNREGA passed in parliament? What does it guarantee?
- iv) How many days of wage employment are provided? Who implements MGNREGA.

14) Choose two of the following and expand the idea in not more than a page each. (2 x 5 =10)

- a) Man proposes, God disposes
- b) Make hay while the sun shines
- c) Better late than never
- d) Health is wealth

15) a) Use four of the following idioms in sentences of your own: (4 x 2=8)

- i) far and wide ii) body and Soul
- iii) bag and baggage iv) pros and cons

b) Change the voice of the following (2 x 1=2)

- i) I have written a poem.
- ii) He is invited by me.

16) a) Provide synonyms for the following. (4 x 1=4)

- i) famous ii) ability
- iii) anger iv) sin

16) b) Provide Antonyms for the following.

(4 x 1=4)

- i) delight ii) reject
- iii) young iv) success

16) c) Provide one word substitute for two of the following:

(2 x 1=2)

- i) Lack of rain for a long time.
- ii) A person who does not drink alcohol.
- iii) The habit of walking in sleep.
- iv) One who cannot read and write.