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First Year B.A./B.Com. Degree Examination, October/November - 2025
(SLM Scheme)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Poetry, Prose, Fiction and Grammar

Time : 3 Hours **Max. Marks : 80**

Instruction : All Sections are compulsory.

SECTION - A

Annotate FOUR of the following : **[4 × 5 = 20]**

Q1) The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd wind slowly o' er the lea,
The ploughman homeward plods his weary way,
And leaves the world to darkness and to me.

Q2) This City now doth, like a garment wear.
The beauty of the morning; silent, bare,

Q3) When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;

Q4) Love is not love
Which alters when it alternation finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove.

Q5) So, till the Judgment that yourself arise,
You live in this, and dwell in lovers' eyes.

Q6) It little profits that an idle king,
By this still hearth, among these barren crags,
Match'd with an aged wife, I mete and dole
Unequal laws unto a savage race,

SECTION - B

Answer <u>three</u> questions without omitting Poetry or Novel : [3 × 10 = 30]

Q7) How does Wordsworth present the beauty of Westminster Bridge in his sonnet?

Q8) Discuss Shakespeare's thoughts on true love in *Sonnet 116*.

Q9) Comment Raju's role as a saint' in *<u>The Guide</u>*.

Q10) How does Narayan portray Rosie as a dancer.

Q11) Describe Raju's childhood memories are presented in *<u>The Guide</u>*.

SECTION - C

Answer any three questions. Question 12 is compulsory. [3 × 10 = 30]

Q12) How does the description of the head-dress serve as a satire on society's obsession with fashion and appearances?

OR

What lesson does "Dr. Heidegger's Experiment convey about human nature?

Q13) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below: **[5 × 2 = 10]**

For centuries, human beings have been fascinated by dreams. Ancient civilizations believed dreams were messages from the gods, while others thought they predicted the future. In modern times, psychologists like Sigmund Freud

suggested that dreams reflect our hidden thoughts and desires. Today, scientists study dreams to understand how the brain works during sleep.

Most dreaming takes place during a stage called REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep. In this stage, the brain is active even though the body is at rest. People may dream of strange, unrealistic events, yet these dreams often connect to experiences or emotions from daily life. For example, a student worried about exams may dream of being lost in a maze.

Not all dreams are pleasant, Nightmares can cause fear and anxiety, especially in children. However, dreams can also be creative. Many writers, scientists, and artists have found inspiration in dreams. The discovery of the structure of the benzene molecule and some of the plots of famous novels came from dream images.

Even today, the purpose of dreaming remains partly a mystery. Some scientists believe dreams help us process memories, while others think they prepare us for real-life challenges. Whatever the explanation, dreams remind us that the human mind is far more complex than we can fully understand.

a) How did ancient civilizations interpret dreams?

b) What is REM sleep, and why is it important?

c) Give an example of how daily worries can appear in dreams.

d) How have dreams inspired creative people?

e) What do scientists suggest might be the purpose of dreaming?

Q14) Expand **two** of the following in not more than a page each: **[2 × 5 = 10]**

a) Work is Worship

b) Rome was not built in a day.

c) Prevention is better than cure

d) An idle mind is a devil's workshop

Q15) a) Use **four** of the following idioms in sentences of your own: **[4 × 2 = 8]**

i) In black and white
ii) To hit the Jackpot
iii) Water under the bridge
iv) A Cakewalk
v) Face the music
vi) Cry over spilt milk
vii) Bone of contention

b) Change the **VOICE** of the following: **[2 × 1 = 2]**

i) Do not waste time.
ii) The match has been won by our team.

Q16) a) Provide **Synonyms** for the following: **[4 × 1 = 4]**

i) Rever
ii) Beautiful
iii) Angry
iv) Deceive

b) Provide **Antonyms** for the following: **[4 × 1 = 4]**

i) Optimist
ii) Intelligent
iii) Rough
iv) Courage

c) Provide **One-word substitutes** for two of the following: **[2 × 1 = 2]**

i) Absence of rain for a long time.
ii) A person who cannot read
iii) A period of ten years
iv) A vehicle to carry the sick to the hospital

