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First Year B. A. Degree Examination, May/June - 2026

(SLM Scheme)

ENGLISH (OPTIONAL)

Poetry, Prose, Fiction and Drama

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

Instruction : ***All sections are compulsory.***

Section - A

Annotate Four of the following without omitting Poetry or Drama:

[4 × 5 = 20]

1) No Nightingale did ever chaunt

   More welcome notes to weary bands

   Of travellers in some shady haunt,

   Among Arabian sands:

2) Where he stands, the Arch Fear in a visible form,

   Yet the strong man must go:

3) "In what distant deeps or skies,

   Burnt the fire of thine eyes?"

4) "Is that my little skylark twittering out there? Is it my little squirrel bustling about? When did my squirrel get in?"

5) I have been your doll-wife, just as at home I was papa's doll-child; and the children, in their turn, have been my dolls. That has been my only vocation. Now I must educate myself"

6) "I have only these candlesticks left, Persome. My dear sister gave them to me. I cannot part with them, they are dearer to me than all my possessions."

Section - B

Answer Three questions without omitting Poetry or Drama :

[3 × 10 = 30]

7) What qualities of the skylark make it a symbol of ideal poetic inspiration in Shelley's poem?

8) Attempt a critique of wordsworth's "The world is too much with us"

9) Why does Nora decide to leave her home at the end of the play? How is this decision revolutionary for its time in A Doll's House.

10) Examine the role of money and debt in shaping the character's decisions in the play A Doll's House.

11) "The Bishop's Candlesticks highlights the contrast between society's harsh justice and Bishop's mercy" Elucidate.

Section - C

Answer Three questions without omitting Prose or Novel :

[3 × 10 = 30]

12) Comment on what beau Tibbs's character reveals about Eighteenth-century society and its obsession with appearances

13) How does Emily Brontë present the theme of revenge through Heathcliff's character?

14) In what ways does Wuthering Heights explore the theme of nature and wilderness.

15) Discuss the impact of industrialization on the village life as portrayed in Nectar in a Sieve.

16) Elaborate on Rukmini- Nathan's relationship in Nectar in a Sieve.