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

(SLM Scheme)

ENGLISH OPTIONAL

Poetry, Drama and Fiction

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) And post o'er land and ocean without rest:

They also serve who only stand and wait.

2) Thou'art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,

And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,

3) Father, when he passed on, left dust

on a table full of papers."

4) "You have no more imagination than a fly"

5) "I' score you off too that's what I'lldo".

6) Soldiering, my dear madam, is the coward's art of attacking mercilessly when you are strong, and keeping out of harm's way when you are weak.

SECTION - B

Answer Three questions without omitting poetry or Drama :

[3 × 10 = 30]

7) Bring out the symbolic significance of the title "The Gift of the God".

8) Write a note on the depiction of customs and traditions in "Obituary".

9) Examine the concept of 'inequality of justice' as presented in the play, *The Silver Box.*

10) Describe the role of Mrs. Jones in *The Silver Box.*

11) Discuss *Arms and the Man* as an anti-romantic comedy.

SECTION - C

Answer Three questions without omitting any Novel :

[3 × 10 = 30]

12) "Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice is a critique of the social norms of its time". Discuss.

13) Analyse the relationship between Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy.

14) Discuss *Pride and Prejudice* as a romantic novel.

15) Discuss how *Oliver Twist* reflects the class divisions and social inequalities of Victorian society.

16) Write a note on Dickens' portrayal of childhood and sufferings in *Oliver Twist.*