



L 212 – L – 2

Second Year B.A. Examination, May/June 2009

(SIM Scheme) (Freshers) (RSS)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Texts : Poetry, Julius Caesar, Power of Prose and Language Component

Date : 28-5-2009

Max. Marks : 90

Time : 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Note : 1) Read the instructions carefully.

*2) Answer **all** questions without **omitting any** Section.*

SECTION – A

1. Annotate **four** of the following choosing **two** from Poetry and **two** from Drama. (4×5=20)

- a) Neither a borrower nor a lender be;
For loan oft loses both itself and friend.
- b) Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard
are sweeter; therefore, ye soft pipes, play on
- c) Blasts the new born infant's tear,
And blights with plagues the marriage hearse.
- d) If they be two, they are two so
As stiff twin compasses are two
- e) You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things!
O you hard hearts, you cruel men of Rome.
- f) Yond Cassius has a lean and hungry look,
He thinks too much such men are dangerous.

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- g) To mask thy monstrous visage ? Seek none, conspiracy,
Hide it in smiles and affability.
- h) O judgement, thou have fled to brutish beasts, and men have lost their reason.

SECTION – B

2. Answer **two** of the following in not more than **a page each** : (2×7=14)
- a) Comment on the theme of William Blake's poem "London".
 - b) What is the advice given by Polonius to his son ?
 - c) Write a note on the poem "Ozymandias".
 - d) Attempt a critical analysis of Ben Jonson's Poem "To Celia".

SECTION – C

3. Answer **two** of the following in not more than **a page each** : (2×7=14)
- a) Bring out the dramatic significance of the murder scene in the play, Julius Caesar.
 - b) What are your impressions of the Roman Mob ?
 - c) Sketch the character of Antony.
 - d) Describe the roles played by Portia and Calpurnia.

SECTION – D

4. Answer **two** of the following in not more than **a page each** : (2×7=14)
- a) How is Cabuliwallah presented in the short story ?
 - b) Give an account of Hardy's first impression of Ramanujan's letters.
 - c) How was Miss Martha impressed by the man who visited her bakery ?
 - d) Briefly explain the conservation and utilization of water with regard to Indian agriculture.



SECTION – E

5. a) Write a brief essay on **one** of the following, in about **a page** : **(1×8=8)**
- i) Cell phone – a blessing or a curse ?
 - ii) Cyber Crime
 - iii) Education for women.

- b) Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title : **8**

One of the most widely spread of bad habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is now used in every part of the world by millions of people. Tobacco is now smoked or chewed by men and a large number of women also, and sometimes even by children, in all parts of the world. It was brought into Europe by Sir Walter Raleigh from America in the 16th Century. When he went to America, he called that area which he claimed for Queen Elizabeth her property Virginia. Even today the best tobacco is called Virginia tobacco. But the use of even the best tobacco is considered to be one of the worst habits. There does not seem to be anything good about the use of tobacco even in small quantities. Smoking tobacco has produced cancer of the lungs and chewing of tobacco has resulted in cancer of the mouth and throat. This is a very bad habit and it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to get rid of this habit once it is formed.

- c) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : **(4×1=4)**

Japan is a beautiful country. It is called the land of the Rising Sun. It consists of four important islands and a number of smaller islands. These islands are full of mountains covered with snow. The Japanese build their houses with paper and wood instead of brick and stone. This is because, often the land is shaken by earthquakes and the houses fall down. To prevent loss of life and property, they build the houses with light material like hard paper and card board. The Japanese keep their houses very clean. They keep not only their houses and streets clean but gardens and schools too. They love flowers and arrange flowers of different colours and keep them in vases. Their arrangement of flowers is called Ikebana. Their dress is also very colourful. Their traditional dress is Kimono. Children wear Kimonos of bright colours. Japan is a land of festivals. There are children's festivals too.

- i) What is Japan called ?
- ii) Why do the Japanese build their houses with wood and paper ?
- iii) What is a Kimono ?
- iv) What is Ikebana ?



d) Rewrite the following in Indirect Speech : 1

i) Govinda said to Ravi, 'please wait here till I return'.

Rewrite in Direct Speech : 1

ii) Kiran said that he would go to the cinema that day.

e) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : (3×1=3)

i) Cloth is sold _____ metre.

ii) Father is angry _____ you.

iii) The cow is grazing _____ the field.

f) Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the **verb** given in the bracket : (3×1=3)

i) Your books have _____ me wisdom. (to give)

ii) I _____ the junior counsel for my client. (to be)

iii) Boys are _____ cricket. (to play)
