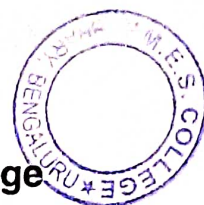


III Semester B.A. Examination, November/December 2018  
(2012 – 2013 & Onwards) (CBCS) (F+R)  
OPTIONAL ENGLISH – III

British Literature (Victorian and Modern) and Facets of Language



Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

**Instruction :** Answer *all* the questions.

SECTION – A

I. Annotate **any three** of the following :

(3×5=15)

- a) Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ am I proved too weak  
To stand alone, yet strong enough to bear  
Such leaners on my shoulder ? Poor to think,  
Yet rich enough to sympathise with thought ?
- c) Wert thou my enemy, O thou my friend,  
How wouldst thou worse, I wonder, than thou dost  
Defeat, thwart me ?
- d) If there's no hatred in a mind  
Assault and battery of the wind  
Can never tear the linnet from the leaf.
- e) At what the god had wrought  
To please her son, the strong  
Iron-hearted man-slaying Achilles  
Who would not live long.



## SECTION – B

## (Poetry)

II. A) Answer **any one** of the following : (1×15=15)

- i) *Ring out, wild bells* is a commentary on the Victorian society. Comment.
- ii) *Thou at indeed just, Lord, if I contend* is a reiteration of the poet's faith in God. Discuss.

B) Write short notes on **any one** of the following : (1×5=5)

- a) Porphyria.
- b) Romney's proposal to Aurora.
- c) The scenes that Thetis saw on the shield of Achilles.

## SECTION – C

## (Novel-Hard Times)

III. A) Answer **any one** of the following : (1×15=15)

- i) In what way are the themes of Industrialisation and Self-discovery explored in Charles Dickens *Hard Times* ?
- ii) Bounderby and Gradgrind are representations of morals, falsely followed, in Victorian England. Discuss.

B) Write short notes on **any two** of the following : (2×5=10)

- i) Stephen Blackpool.
- ii) Mrs. Blackpool.
- iii) James Harthouse.
- iv) Louisa's confrontation with Thomas Gradgrind.

## SECTION – D

## (Essays and Short Stories)

IV. A) Answer **any one** of the following : (1×15=15)

- a) Walter Bates remains important even in death. Elucidate with reference to '*Odour of Chrysanthemums*.'
- b) How does Woolf bring out the challenges faced by women writers in the given extract from '*A Room of One's Own* ?'



B) Write short notes on **any one** of the following :

(1×5=5)

- a) Chrysanthemums as a symbol.
- b) Eliot's views on Romanticists and Classicists.
- c) Benefits of being idle according to R.L. Stevenson.

SECTION – E  
(Facets of Language)

V. Answer **all** the questions :

- i) What is discourse analysis ? 2
- ii) Mention any three features of the written mode of language. 3
- iii) Explain the Directive function of language with examples. 3
- iv) Why is social context so relevant in discourse. Give an example. 2
- v) Read the following passage and answer the following questions :

The State has 2,731 government schools that were established more than hundred years ago. Their condition today, however, belies Karnataka's commitment to education then at a time when India was still fighting for Independence. A majority of the schools are in dire need of a facelift as well as an upgrade in their infrastructure. Many of these buildings' roofs have developed cracks, and the dilapidated classrooms are not usable during the monsoons. A sum of 5 crore was allocated to improve a hundred schools and the government order was issued recently. However, when divided up, each government school will get an average of 5 lakh, which is not enough. The money allocated to improve these heritage buildings has been criticised by heritage experts and architects.

- 1) What is the mode of the passage, Give two examples. 2
- 2) What is the domain of the passage ? 2
- 3) What is the macro function of the passage. 2
- 4) Write a note on the sentence structures. 2
- 5) Identify an example of 2
  - a) Referential function
  - b) Conative function.

OR





- Rishabh : Excuse me Ma'am, may I have a word with you ?
- Bank Manager : Yes, how may I help you ?
- Rishabh : What is the procedure for intimating the bank with my new address for communication ?
- Bank Manager : You will have to write an application to that effect addressed to The Bank Manager. It will be processed in 4 working days.
- Rishabh : Um....is it possible to speed up the process Ma'am ? I need to open this account urgently.
- Bank Manager : Ah...I will try my best Mr. Rishabh, but the procedures do take time.
- Rishabh : Thank you Ma'am, good bye.
- Bank Manager : Good bye.

- 1) Identify the mode of the passage. 2
  - 2) Highlight the interactional features of the passage. 2
  - 3) What is the tenor of the passage ? Give example. 2
  - 4) What is the macro function of the passage. 2
  - 5) Identify an example of : 2
    - a) Phatic function
    - b) Directive function.
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