



V Semester B.A. Examination, November/December 2017

(CBCS) (Freshers + Repeaters)

(2013 – 14 & Onwards)

OPTIONAL ENGLISH – V

Literature of India : An Introduction (Part – I)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

Instruction: Answer all the questions.

SECTION – A

(Poetry)

I. A) Answer any one of the following. 15

- a) 'The Bhakti movement was as much a social movement as it was religious'. Substantiate the statement illustrating from the poems of Basavanna, Kabir and Mira Bai.
- b) Explain Kuvempu's vision of Kalki as an expression of hope for revolution and change.

B) Write a short note on any one of the following. 5

- i) Aridity of man's materialistic good in 'Fruits of the Earth'.
- ii) Faiz's imagery in the poem 'The Colour of the Moment'.
- iii) The poet-persona's reminiscences in 'Father'.

SECTION – B

(Short Fiction)

II. A) Answer any one of the following. 15

- a) Discuss the symbolic significance of the game of chess in Premchand's 'The Chess Players'.
- b) The protagonist's revenge highlights the suffering of Nambudri women in 'Revenge Herself'. Substantiate.

B) Write a short note on any one of the following. 5

- i) Mirza and Mir in 'The Chess Players'.
- ii) Sunderlal as a social activist in 'Lajwanti'.



SECTION – C
(Essays)

III. A) Answer any one of the following.

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- a) How is Tagore's vision of the 'symbiotic bond' between man and nature brought out in 'The Religion of the Forest' ?
- b) What according to A.K. Ramanujan are the different questions raised by the sentence 'Is there an Indian way of thinking' ?

B) Write a short note on any one of the following.

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- i) Tagore's delineation of the influence of the forest on Indian classical literature.
- ii) Eastern vs Western philosophy, according to A.K. Ramanujan.

SECTION – D
(Novel – Untouchable)

IV. A) Answer any one of the following.

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- a) Discuss 'Untouchable' as a novel of social realism.
- b) Describe the significance of Bakha's experiences in the course of the novel.

B) Write a short note on any one of the following.

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- i) The effect of Gandhiji's speech on Bakha.
- ii) Sohini.
- iii) The hockey match.

SECTION – E
(Drama : Tughlaq)

V. A) Answer any one of the following.

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- a) Consider the play as a comment on man's thirst for power.
- b) Discuss the significance of the role of Aziz and Aazam.

B) Write a short note on any one of the following.

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- i) Tughlaq's rose garden.
- ii) Sheikh Iman-ud-din.
- iii) The use of prayer in the play.