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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



(3×5=15)

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

- 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.

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SECTION – B

(Poetry)

- II. A) Answer **any one** of the following : (1×15=15)
- Ring out, wild bells* is a commentary on the Victorian society. Comment.
 - 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)
- Porphyria.
 - Romney's proposal to Aurora.
 - 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)
- In what way are the themes of Industrialisation and Self-discovery explored in Charles Dickens *Hard Times* ?
 - 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)
- Stephen Blackpool.
 - Mrs. Blackpool.
 - James Harthouse.
 - Louisa's confrontation with Thomas Gradgrind.

SECTION – D

(Essays and Short Stories)

- IV. A) Answer **any one** of the following : (1×15=15)
- Walter Bates remains important even in death. Elucidate with reference to '*Odour of Chrysanthemums.*'
 - 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.