



SN – 080

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'.

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SECTION – C

(Essays)

- III. A) Answer **any one** of the following. 15
- 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. 5
- 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. 15
- 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. 5
- 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. 15
- 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. 5
- i) Tughlaq's rose garden.
 - ii) Sheikh Iman-ud-din.
 - iii) The use of prayer in the play.
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