B. Sc. 1st Semester (Pass Course) Examination,

November–2014

ENGLISH

Time allowed : 3 hours]   *[Maximum marks : 40*

Note : *Attempt **all** questions.*

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions
   that follow :   7

   'Doth God exact day labour, light denied ?'

   I fondly ask : But patience, to prevent

   That murmur, soon replies : God doth not need

   Either Man's work, or His own gifts : who best

   Bear His mild yoke, they serve Him best :

   Questions :

   (i)   What foolish question does the poet ask ?

   (ii) What prevents the poet's murmur against God ?

   (iii) What reply does his patience give to the poet ?

   (iv) Who, according to the poet, serve Him best ?

   or

   The floating clouds their state shall lend

   to her; for her the willow bend;

   Nor shall she fail to see

   E'en in the motions of the storm

   Grace that shall mould the Maiden's form

   By silent sympathy.

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Questions :

    (i)   What will floating clouds lend to Lucy ?

    (ii) What will Lucy learn from the willow tree ?

    (iii) What will the motion of the storm lend to Lucy ?

    (iv) What does the stanza express ?

2.   Explain with reference to the context :   **4**

Created half to rise, and half to fall;

Great Lord of all things, yet a prey to all;

Sole judge of truth, in endless error hurled;

The glory, jest, and riddle of the world !

<div align="center">or</div>

But ah ! my soul with too much stay

Is drunk, and staggers in the way :

Some men a forward motion love,

But I by backward steps would move;

3.   Answer any *three* questions in about 30 words each :

<div align="right">2 × 3 = 6</div>

    (i)   How far do you agree with Shakespeare's statement : 'Love is not Time's fool' ?

    (ii) What does the image of 'slave' suggest in the poem Death Be not Proud ?

    (iii) Whom does Flecknoe choose his successor and why ?

    (iv) What kind of farewell does Tennyson wish for ?

    (v)   What did the mother of the black boy tell him ?

4. How has true love been presented as permanent and immutable by Shakespeare ? 8

<center>or</center>

Bring out the pathetic condition of England as portrayed in the poem England in 1819.

5. Translate into English : 4

हर सुबह हम सो कर उठते हैं, समाचार-पत्र उठाते हैं और लो–साम्प्रदायिकता, घोटाले, अपराध, सामाजिक मूल्यों का पतन। बस यही देखने को मिलता है। खेल समाचार की ओर देखो तो वहाँ भी आरोप, प्रत्यारोप। क्या करें–या तो अपनी समाचार-पत्र पढ़ने की आदत बदल लें या फिर व्यवस्था बदलने की कोशिश करें।

<center>or</center>

<center>*(For Non-Hindi speaking/Foreign students)*</center>

Read the passage and answer the questions :

There was once an engine-driver who was a cheerful person. He always looked on the bright side of things, and was fond of telling people that there was sure to be some good in their misfortune whether they could see it or not. One day his train ran into another and he was seriously injured. When he was taken to hospital, it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs. A few days later a group of his friends visited him and one of his friends said that he would now have some difficulty in seeing the bright side of things. Hearing this, the engine driver said, "Not at all, I shall have only one boot to buy and clean in future. Cheerfulness is better than grumbling".

Questions :

    (i) What did the engine-driver tell people about their misfortune ?

    (ii) How was the engine-driver injured ?

    (iii) What was done to him at the hospital ?

    (iv) How did he take his misfortune ?

6. Write a paragraph in about 250 words on any *one* of the following :   6

    (i) Crime against women

    (ii) Communalism

    (iii) Value of Sports

    (iv) Pleasures of Reading

    (v) College-life.

7. (a) Use any two in meaningful sentences :   2
            Come across, Give in, Look into.

    (b) Fill appropriate prepositions in any *two* :   2
        (i) Pour the milk ___ the pot.
        (ii) You should guard ___ bad company.
        (iii) He is inferior ___ me in artistic skills.

    (c) Correct any *four* of the following :   4
        (i) The premises looks very small.
        (ii) Ram is his oldest son.
        (iii) The virtue is its own reward.
        (iv) Would you mind to help me in this matter ?
        (v) Either you work hard otherwise you will fail.
        (vi) I shall not go until you do not return.