First Semester B.A. Degree Examination, OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019

(New Scheme – Upto 2015 Repeaters)

Optional English

Paper I – BRITISH LITERATURE AND ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE

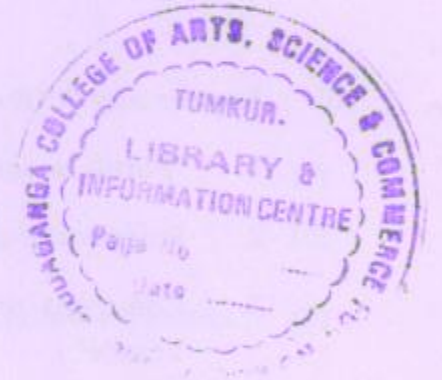Time : 3 Hours]   [Max. Marks : 90

Instructions to Candidates :

1)   Write answers in legible and correct English.

2)   Answers should be relevant, textual and critical.

3)   Mention the question numbers correctly.

SECTION – A

1.   Annotate any **FIVE** of the following :   (5 × 5 = 25)

(i)   Y – wimpled well, and on her heed an hat
As broad as is buckeler or a targe,
A foot-mantel about her hippes large

(ii)   But she was some deel deef, and that was scathe
Of cloth-making she hadde switch on haunt.

(iii)   Though I fail, I weep
Though I halt in pace,
Yet I creep
To the throne of grace.

(iv)   I may assert Eternal Providence
And justify the ways of God to men.

(v)   Love is swift of foot
Love's a man of war.

(vi)   "Where when as death shall the world subdew,
Our love shall live, and later life renew".

(vii)   Throw away thy rod
Throw away thy wrath
O my God.

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SECTION – B

(POETRY)

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

1. How does Chaucer portray 'The Wife of Bathe' in his prologue?

2. Bring out the immortality of love in Spenser's sonnet.

3. Comment on the biblical elements in 'Man's First Disobedience'.

Or

4. Write short notes on any **THREE** of the following :

   (a) Shakespeare's Sonnet 73.

   (b) The metaphysical concerts in Donne's poem.

   (c) The image of God in 'Discipline'.

   (d) Destruction of nature in Marvel's poem.

   (e) Spenser's Sonnet 75.

SECTION – C

(DRAMA)

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

1. "Portia is one of the most admired heroines of Shakespeare". Discuss .

2. Portray the character of Antonio.

3. Comment on the importance of the opening scene of 'The Merchant of Venice'.

4. Write short notes on any **THREE** of the following :

   (a) Portia

   (b) The ring episode

   (c) Lorenzo

   (d) The Suitor's scene

   (e) Bassanio

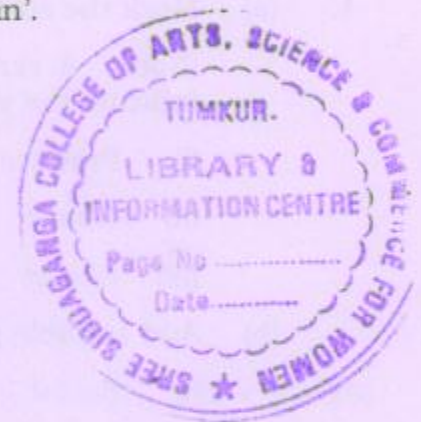## SECTION – D

(PROSE)

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

1. What according to Bacon are the benefits of travel?

2. Comment on the character of Will Wimble.

3. Elucidate the contemporary relevance of 'The rights of man'.

Or

4. Write short notes on any **THREE** of the following :

   (a) Mixed Governments

   (b) Will Wimble as a skilled man

   (c) Places to be visited according to Bacon

   (d) The two modes of Government

   (e) The periodical essay.

SECTION – E

(ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE)

V. Answer the following :

1. (a) Write any two characteristics of language.   (2)

   (b) What is natural language? Give an example.   (2)

2. (a) What is consonant? Identify consonant sounds in the following words :   (3)

   (i) Born

   (ii) Put

   (b) Indicate the syllabic division of the following words with a hyphen: (3)

   E.g. : Consist = con_sist.

   (i) dislike

   (ii) enlarge

   (iii) outrun

3. (a) What is the difference between a free morpheme and a bound morpheme?

(2)

(b) Mention whether the affixes in the following words are inflectional or derivational.

(3)

(i) booklet

(ii) trees

(iii) mouthful

4. (a) Mark the stress for the following words :

(3)

(Note : A vertical bar (|) has to placed above and front of a syllable to indicate the stress)

(i) Produce

(ii) Object

(iii) Desert

(b) Add suitable prefixes to the following :

(2)

(i) Social

(ii) Real

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