



KAG-1127 Seat No. _____

B. A. (Sem. IV) Examination

April / May - 2013

Core Comp. - V - 405 : English

(Literary Criticism & Rhetorics)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

- 1 (a) What is the nature of literature ? 16
Discuss in detail.

OR

- (b) What are the chief functions of literature ? 16

- 2 (a) Discuss Aristotle's concept of tragedy. 12

OR

- (b) Discuss in detail the function of tragedy. 12

- 3 Show your acquaintance with the following 20
figures of speech : (any four)

- (i) Metaphor
- (ii) Hyperbole
- (iii) Alliteration
- (iv) Onomatopoeia
- (v) Pun
- (vi) Oxymoron

4 Critically appreciate the following poem :

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On His Blindness

When I Consider how my light is spent
Eve help my days, in this dark world and wide
and that one talent which is death to hide
Long'd with me useless though my soul more bent
to serve therewith my maker, and present
my true account, least he returning
Snide Doth God exact day-labour,
light deny'd 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; his state
Is kingly, thousands at his bidding
speed and past o'er land and Ocean
without rest they also serve,
who only stand and wait.

- *Milton*

5 Fill in the blanks with the correct options from 10 the brackets : (Identify the figure of speech)

(1) Coming events cast their Shadows before ____

(Simple, Metaphor, Personification)

(2) He is carefully careless ____

(Oxymoron, Metonymy, Oxymoron)

(3) Opportunity knocks at the door but once ____

(Hyperbole, Personification, Alliteration)

(4) His honour rooted in dishnour stood ____

(Apostrophe, Metaphor, Oxymoron)

- (5) Have you studied Shakespeare ____
(Alliteration, Metonymy, Apostrophe)
- (6) Child is the father of the man ____
(Metaphor, Personification, Hyperbole)
- (7) Birds of a feather flock together ____
(Alliteration, Metaphor, Hyperbole)
- (8) He is the pillar of the state ____
(Metonymy, Metaphor, Personification)
- (9) He lived a life of active idleness. ____
(Onomatopoeia, Personification, Oxymoron)
- (10) Cut your coat according to your cloth ____
(Hyperbole, Metonymy, Alliteration)
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