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B. A. (Sem. IV) Examination

April / May - 2016

CC - 405 : English

(Literary Criticism & Rhetorics)

(Core Compulsory)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

Instructions : (1) All questions carry equal marks.
(2) Indicate your options clearly.

1 (a) Discuss in detail the nature of literature. 14

OR

(b) The function of literature is 'to relieve us-either writers or readers-from the pressure of emotions'- Explain. 14

2 (a) Discuss at length Aristotle's concept of tragedy. 14

OR

(b) The hero of a tragedy ought to be 'good but not too good'. Elucidate. 14

3 Explain the following figures of speech with proper examples : (any **four**) 14

(i) Metaphor

(ii) Alliteration

(iii) Onomatopoeia

(iv) Personification

(v) Apostrophe

(vi) Hyperbole

Sonnet 116

Let me not to the marriage of true minds

Admit impediment. Love is not love

Which alters when it alteration finds,

Or bends with the remover to remove.

O, no! it is an ever-fixed mark,

That looks on tempests, and is never shaken;

It is the star to every wand'ring bark,

Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.

Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks

Within his bending sickle's compass come;

Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,

But bears it out even to the edge of doom:-

If this be error, and upon me proved,

I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

- William Shakespeare

5 Answer in brief : (any seven)

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(1) What is the distinction between literary language and scientific language?

(2) Who gave the term 'dulce' and 'utile' in context to function of poetry?

(3) According to Aristotle, what is the most important element of tragedy?

(4) What is the term for purgation of pity and fear in the audience?

- (5) What is 'hamartia'?
 - (6) Who argued that 'nothing related to the history of civilization is beyond our province'?
 - (7) Who wrote *Republic*?
 - (8) What according to Wellek is 'the prime function of literature'?
 - (9) What does poetry tend to imitate according to Aristotle?
 - (10) Give two examples of 'simile'?
 - (11) Identify the figure of speech: "Death lays its icy hands on kings".
 - (12) What is a 'Pun'?
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