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I Semester B.A Degree Examination, December/January - 2025/26

MAJOR ENGLISH

Introduction to Literature (Pristine Prism)

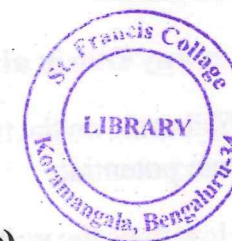
(SEP Scheme Freshers 2025 Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Instructions to Candidates:

Answer All the Sections.



SECTION - A

(Introduction to literature)

I. Answer any One in about two pages:

(1×10=10)

1. Bring out the major developments in English Literature from 17th century to the 20th century.
2. Examine the influence of Literature on the Society.

SECTION - B

(Literary Forms)

II. Answer any Two in about a page each:

(2×5=10)

1. Ballad
2. Autobiography
3. Tragic-comedy

SECTION - C

(Poetry)

III. A. Answer any One in about two pages:

(1×10=10)

1. Shelley's 'The Cloud' celebrates nature's cyclical process of creation, destruction and renewal. Explain.
2. How does Sonnet 132 reflect Shakespeare's evolving attitude towards the 'dark lady'?

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B. Write short notes on any Two in about a page each. (2×5=10)

1. The central theme of immortality in 'The Cloud'.
2. The poet's expression of suffering and longing in Sonnet 132.
3. Shakespeare's admiration for his beloved's eyes in Sonnet 132.

SECTION - D

(Prose)

IV. A. Answer any One in about two page: (1×10=10)

1. Elaborate on the turning point in the story 'The Verger', that reveals Foreman's true potential.
2. How does the writer portray human relationships and emotional detachment in 'Then Later, His Ghost'?

B. Write a short notes on any ONE in about a page each. (1×5=5)

1. The difference between the old and new vicars of St. Peter's church.
2. The symbolism in the story 'Then Later, His Ghost'.

SECTION - E

(Essay)

V. A. Answer any One in about two pages: (1×10=10)

1. According to Bacon "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and some few to be chewed and digested". Explain.
2. Explain the central theme of individual liberty and social responsibility in 'On the Rule of the Road'.

B. Write a Short Notes on any One in about a page each. (1×5=5)

1. Briefly explain Bacon's views on the proper use and misuse of studies.
2. What role does common sense play in maintaining social harmony, according to Gardiner?



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SECTION - F

(Literary Devices)

VI. A. Define any Five with example: (5×1=5)

1. Irony
2. Hyperbole
3. Allusion
4. Oxymoron
5. Alliteration
6. Personification

B. Identify the figurative devices and explain:

1. Identify and explain the literary device used in the following lines: (2)

"I Silently laugh at my own cenotaph.

And out of the caverns of rain,

Like a child from the womb, like a ghost from the tomb,"

2. Identify and explain the literary device used in the following lines: (2)

"One short sleep past, we wake eternally

And death shall be no more: death, thou shall die".

3. Identify the literary device: (1)

"Better becomes the grey cheeks of the east".