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V Semester B.A. Examination, Nov./Dec. 2008

(Semester Scheme)

OPTIONAL ENGLISH (Paper – VI)

European and Non-European Writing

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 90

Instruction : Attempt all questions.

SECTION – A

Poetry

1. Answer **one** of the following :

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- a) “Who mourns one woman in a holocaust” ? How does Anna Akhmatova give a new perspective to the Biblical myth in this one sentence in “Lot’s Wife” ?
- b) How do the speeches of Andromache and Hecuba present the plight of women in a patriarchal world ?
- c) How does Symborska depict the loss of sensitivity to life in “The End and the Beginning” ?

2. Write a short note on **any one** of the following :

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- a) “Burn me” in The Burning of Books.
- b) Cavafy’s attitude to life in “Ithaka”.
- c) The sad souls in Canto III of Dante’s Inferno.

SECTION – B

Short Fiction

3. Answer **one** of the following :

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- a) Examine the theme of alienation in “The Guest”.
- b) “War” faithfully reflects the helplessness of ordinary people in times of war. Discuss.
- c) In “The Greatcoat”, which, in your opinion was Akaky’s real punishment-death or the misery he had to live through ? Give reasons.

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