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FIRST YEAR B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2006

Part I—English

Paper II—ADVANCED PROSE AND DRAMA

(Private/SDE Candidates)

[2005 admissions]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

I. Write an essay on any *one* of the following in about 350 words :—

- (a) Nehru's account of the state of India in the twenties and thirties.
- (b) Give an account of Thurber's experience at Ohio State University.

(1 × 15 = 15 marks)

II. Write an essay on any *one* of the following in about 350 words :—

- (a) How far is Nora's life a representation of social reality ?
- (b) The role and character of Nora Helmer.

(1 × 15 = 15 marks)

III. Answer *six* of the following questions each in a *paragraph* of around 120 words, choosing *three* from each section :—

Section A (Prose)

- (a) The role of luck in Menon's life.
- (b) Belloc's comparison of a man's life and that of a cat.
- (c) India's contribution to world civilisation.
- (d) The forgetfulness of politicians.

(3 × 5 = 15 marks)

Section B (Drama)

- (e) Why does Christine Linde feel that her life is unspeakably empty ?
- (f) Dr. Rank's estimate of his father.
- (g) *A Doll's House* as a modern tragedy.
- (h) The use of symbols in *A Doll's House*.

(3 × 5 = 15 marks)

IV. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in not more than *two* sentences each, choosing *five* from each section :—

Section A (Prose)

- (a) On what ground do people regard a book or a work of art harmful to the public mind ?
- (b) How did Cardus spend his spare time at Shrewsbury ?

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- (c) What according to Sarojini Naidu, is our common wish and ambition ?
- (d) Why are anglers generally absent minded ?
- (e) Why did Mikishara refuse to join the Reds ?
- (f) Who, according to K.P.S. Menon, is a good administrator ?

Section B (Drama)

- (g) What help did Mrs. Linde expect from Nora ?
 - (h) What lie did Nora tell her husband about the money she gathered to go abroad ?
 - (i) What is Torvald's attitude to money ?
 - (j) What does Krogstad suggest to Nora when she thinks of running away from home ?
 - (k) What makes Krogstad send the bond back to Nora ?
 - (l) What makes Nora think that for eight years she has been living with a strange man ?
- (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

V. Read the following and write short annotations on *four* of them, choosing not less than *two* from prose and drama :—

Section A (Prose)

- (a) "You are secure", I said sadly," morality is not before you. There is in your complacency no foreknowledge of death nor even of separation.
- (b) "Within the four seas", said the great sage, Confucius, "all men are brothers".
- (c) It has been a struggle of women transformed into strength and power like the Kali, the goddess of strength they worship.

Section B (Drama)

- (d) Deprave my little children? Poison my home? It's not true. It can't possibly true?
 - (e) A barrister's profession is such an uncertain thing, especially if he won't undertake unsavoury cases.
 - (f) Isn't it an insult to think that I should be afraid of a starving pen pusher's vengeance ?
- (4 × 5 = 20 marks)