



**First Semester B.A./B.S.W. Degree  
Examination, November/December 2016  
ENGLISH – I  
Basic English (Old Syllabus)**

**Texts : 1) College Modern Prose  
2) Modern Poetry**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Annotate **any two** of the following. (2×6= 12)
- At a given moment the eye of faith must have observed the nibbling of the demonical serpent.
  - Love thine enemies, forgive thine enemies is the doctrine of forgiveness taken to its last point of development.
  - In Soapy's opinion the law was more benign than philanthropy.
  - The teacher didn't live in the house. They had a special building and all the kids went there.
- II. Answer **any one** of the following. (1×16= 16)
- According to V.S. Srinivas Sastry, describe Gandhiji's self-examination, courage and piety.
  - Describe Soapy's various attempts to provide for his winter shelter.
- III. Annotate **any two** of the following. (2×6= 12)
- This other man I had dreamed  
A drunken, vainglorious lout.
  - But pleasure's like a Cuckoo roams,  
Makes much acquaintance, no friends true.
  - To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake.
  - Glad till the dancing stops, and the lilt of the music ends.  
Laugh till the game is played; and be you merry, my friends.

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IV. Answer **any one** of the following.

(1×16= 16)

- a) What similes does W.H. Davies use to describe Joy and Pleasure ?
- b) Write a critical appreciation of Robert Frost's poem. "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening".

V. Grammar :

a) **Articles and Prepositions.**

(4×2=8)

i) Fill in the blanks with suitable **articles** (a, an, the)

I want \_\_\_\_\_ assistant with \_\_\_\_\_ little knowledge of French.

ii) Fill in the blanks with suitable **prepositions** (in, with, on, of, at, etc.)

Usually, I'm going to swim \_\_\_\_\_ Mondays \_\_\_\_\_ my friends.

b) Change the **voice** of the following sentences.

(4×2=8)

- i) She does not do any mistake.
- ii) Somebody killed Rajiv Gandhi at Sriperambadhur.
- iii) Theology teacher taught us morals.
- iv) We prohibit smoking.

c) Change the following sentences into **indirect speech**.

(4×2=8)

- i) He said, "The thief stole my watch".
- ii) "Are there any letters for me ?" said Mary.
- iii) The Prince said, "It gives me great pleasure to be here this evening".
- iv) He said, "I am learning German language".