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**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, May 2015****(ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH)****(SECOND YEAR)****(PART – I)****618: SHORT STORIES, POETRY AND GRAMMAR**

Time: Three hours

Maximum: 100 marks

**SECTION – A****Answer any FOUR questions  
Choosing two from each section****(4 × 5 = 20)**

1. Write about Simon in “What men live by”.
2. How does the broker fall in love in the story “Romance of a busy broker”?
3. How does the story ‘Bet’ end?
4. Bring out the significance of the train journey in the story “Acanary for one”.

**SECTION – B**

5. Explicate the significance of concluding lines of the poem “Ode to the West Wind”.
6. Why did the Duke kill the Duchess in “My Last Duchess”?
7. Why did the mother say that – “Thank God my children were spared” in “Night of the Scorpion”?
8. How does the poet recall her childhood days in the poem “Punishment in the Kindergarten”?

**SECTION – C****Answer the following questions****(4 × 15 = 60)**

9. a) Critically appreciate the story “What men live by”.  
(OR)  
b) How does the strained relationship presented in the story “The Romance of a busy Broker”?

10. a) Comment on the argument between the Lawyer and the Banker in "Bet".  
(OR)  
b) How does R.K.Narayan describe Lawley Road?
11. a) Comment on the message of the poem "Ode to the West Wind".  
(OR)  
b) Consider "My Last Duchess" as a Dramatic Monologue.
12. a) Critically analyse the poem "Night of the Scorpion".  
(OR)  
b) Justify the title "Small scale reflection on Great House".

**SECTION - D****(20)**

13. a) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. (4)  
It has been part of Nelson's prayer that \_\_\_\_\_ British fleet might be distinguished by humanity in \_\_\_\_\_ victory which he expected. Setting \_\_\_\_\_ example himself, he twice gave orders to cease firing upon \_\_\_\_\_ Redoubtable, supposing that she had struck because her great guns were silent; for as she carried no flag, there was no means of instantly ascertaining \_\_\_\_\_ fact.  
(OR)  
b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.  
People talk \_\_\_\_\_ memorials \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ statues \_\_\_\_\_ bronze or marble or pillars and thus they mock him and belie his message. What tribute shall we pay \_\_\_\_\_ him that he would have appreciated?
14. Rewrite the following as directed: (10)
- a) Change the voice:  
The wall is being built by the Manson.
- b) Use the comparative degree:  
Shakuntala is the best drama in Sanskrit.
- c) Change into direct speech:  
Gopi said that he was very busy then.
- d) Give the correct forms of the verbs:  
He \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) tea every morning. I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) him for a long time.
- e) Change into compound sentence:  
Man is guided by reason, and beast by instinct.

15. a) Write a letter to your friend giving a brief description of a holiday tour (6)  
you intend to make.

(OR)

- b) Paraphrase the following poem:

Up! Up! My friend, and quit your books;  
Or surely you'll grow double:  
Up! Up! My friend, and clear your looks;  
Why all this toil and trouble?

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