

**FIRST/SECOND YEAR B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2010****Part I—English****Paper II—ADVANCED PROSE AND DRAMA****(2005 admissions)****[Regular]****Time : Three Hours****Maximum : 80 Marks****I. Write an essay on any *one* of the following in about 250 words :—**

- (a) Give an account of the memorable events in the successful life of K.P.S. Menon.
- (b) Bring out the Pathos in the story of Mikishara.

**(10 marks)****II. Write an essay on any *one* of the following in about 250 words :—**

- (a) The role of Nora Helmer.
- (b) Consider the play "A Doll's House" as a social play.

**(10 marks)****III. Answer *four* of the following questions each in about 120 words choosing *two* from each section :—****Section A (Prose)**

- (a) The murder of Ivan.
- (b) The trial match of Cardus.
- (c) Belloc's comparison of a man's life and that of a cat.

**Section B (Drama)**

- (a) The role of Mrs. Linde.
- (b) The significance of the Christmas tree.
- (c) Comment on the ending of the play "A Doll's House".

**(4 x 5 = 20 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) Why were women sent back to work in coal fields during the war ?
- (b) When did Mikishara feel like a woodcock in a swamp ?
- (c) In what way is "Anna Karanina" better than the conventional novels ?
- (d) How did Old William receive Cardus ?
- (e) Who is a good administrator according to K.P.S. Menon ?

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### Section B (Drama)

- (a) Why couldn't Torvald let Krogstad continue in his post ?
- (b) Why were macaroons forbidden in the house of Nora ?
- (c) How does Nora make Helmer perfectly free ?
- (d) Why did Nora take Torvald Helmer to Italy ?
- (e) What was Dr. Rank **suffering** from ?
- (f) What **makes** Krogstad **send back** the bond to Nora ?

(10 x 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) Did you recognize in me a friend to all that breathes, or were you yourself suffering from loneliness . . . or is there pity in the hearts of animals as there is in the hearts of some **humans**.
- (b) "Company, halt !" shouted General Littlefield", "that man is the only man who has it right".
- (c) For the rest of the day they are citizens of their dreamland.

### Section B (Drama)

- (a) That's just the point-you've never understood me. I've been dreadfully wronged Torvald—first by Papa and **then by you**.
- (b) We must both be perfectly free. Look, here's your ring back—give me mine.
- (c) Come, come, my little skylark must not droop her wings.

(4 x 5 = 20 marks)