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B.A. (Part-I) Examination, 2020

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Paper - I

(Literature in English 1550-1750)

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

Minimum Pass Marks : 25

Note : Attempt all questions. Marks are indicated against questions.

Unit-I

Q. 1. Explain any three of the following passages with reference to context : **3×5=15**

(a) But thou contracted to thine owne bright eyes,
Feed'st thy lights flame with selfe substantial
fuel

Making famine where abundance lies.

Thyself thy foe, to thy sweet self too cruel.

(b) O how feeble is man's power,

That if good fortune fall,

Cannot add another hour,

Nor a lost hour recall.

(2)

- (c) Shadwell alone my perfect image bears,
Mature in dullness from his tender years;
Shadwell alone of all my sons is he,
Who stands confirmed in full stupidity.
- (d) Crafty men contemn studies, simple men
admire them, and wise men use them; for
they teach not their own use; but above
them, won by observation.
- (e) All that glitters is not gold,
Often have you heard that told :
Many a man his life hath sold
But my outside to behold :
Gilded tombs do worm enfold.
- (f) This humanity and good nature engages
everybody to him, so that when he is
pleasant upon any of them, all his family are
in good humour and more so much as the
person whom he diverts himself with : on the
contrary, if he coughs, or betrays any
infirmity of old age, it is easy for a slander-
by to observe a secret concern in the looks
of all his servants.

(3)

Unit-II

Q. 2. Choose the correct alternatives (any 10) : $10 \times 1 = 10$

(a) Shakespeare was born in _____ :

- (i) 1564
- (ii) 1664
- (iii) 1584
- (iv) 1544

(b) Who is a metaphysical poet ?

- (i) TS Eliot
- (ii) Dryden
- (iii) Pope
- (iv) John Donne

(c) Shakespeare's sonnet contains _____
quatrain :

- (i) Two
- (ii) Three
- (iii) Four
- (iv) One

(4)

(d) When did Restoration take place ?

(i) 1560

(ii) 1460

(iii) 1660

(iv) 1760

(e) Portrait of Shadwell forms the part of the poem _____

(i) Mac Flecknoe

(ii) Rape of the Lock

(iii) Essay on Man

(iv) The Dunwad

(f) Who is famous for writing satire ?

(i) Shakespeare

(ii) Donne

(iii) Pope

(iv) Bacon

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(g) Sonnet is usually a poem of _____ lines.

(i) 14

(ii) 18

(iii) 16

(iv) 24

(h) Which character is a money-lender in The Merchant of Venice

(i) Shylock

(ii) Portia

(iii) Bossanio

(iv) Antony

(i) Which is a famous book of Swift ?

(i) The Merchant of Venice

(ii) The Jungle Book

(iii) Kim

(iv) Gulliver's Travels

(j) Who is associated with Puritanism ?

(i) Milton

(ii) Pope

(iii) Bacon

(iv) Shakespeare

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(6)

(k) Reformation Movement was associated with :

- (i) Islam
- (ii) Hinduism
- (iii) Christianity
- (iv) Jainism

(l) Shakespeare is known as a great _____.

- (i) Essayist
- (ii) Dramatist
- (iii) Critic
- (iv) Novelist

(m) Mysteries and Miracles are early _____.

- (i) Novels
- (ii) Essays
- (iii) Dramas
- (iv) Poems

(n) Who is known for periodical essays ?

- (i) Bacon
- (ii) Lamb
- (iii) Addison & Steele
- (iv) Swift

(7)

Q. 3. Answer the following questions in about 300-400 words : 5×10=50

(a) Write a critical appreciation of Shakespeare's Sonnet No. 1.

OR

Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem Sweetest Love I Don't Go.

(b) How does Dryden portray Shadwell ?

OR

Examine Pope's views on art of poetry as expressed in the extract from An Essay on Criticism.

(c) Summarise Bacon's essay Of Studies.

OR

Evaluate critically Addison's Sir Roger at Home.

(d) Give a character sketch of Shylock.

OR

Summarise the themes of The Merchant of Venice.

(8)

- (e) Write on the importance of Spider and Bee episode in The Battle of Books.

OR

Write a short note on any one of the following :

- (1) Renaissance
- (2) The Earlier Drama
- (3) Petrarchan and Shakespearean Sonnets