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B. A. (Part I) EXAMINATION, 2020

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Paper First

(Literature in English : 1550—1750)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

Note : Attempt all questions.

1. Explain with reference to the context any *three* of the following passages : 5 each
 - (a) And so the general of hot desire
Was sleeping by a virgin hand disarmed.
This brand she quenched in a cool well by,
Which from love's fire took heat perpetual,
 - (b) Yesternight the Sunne went hence,
And yet is here to day
He hath no desire nor sense,
Nor halfe so short a way.
 - (c) This aged prince now flourishing in peace,
And blest with issue on a large increase,
Worn out with business, did at length debate
To settle the succession of the state.

- (d) Read not contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.
- (e) It had been hard for him that spake it, to have put more truth and untruth together in few words, than in that speech, "Whosoever is delighted in solitude, is either a wild beast or a God."
- (f) My chief companion, when Sir Roger is diverting himself in the woods or the fields, is a very venerable man, who is ever with Sir Roger, and has lived at his house in the nature of a Chaplain above thirty years. This gentleman is a person of good sense, and some learning of a very regular life, and obliging conversation : he heartily loves Sir Roger.
- (g) To bait fish withal :
if it will feed nothing else, it will feed my revenge.
He hath disgraced me and hindered me
half a million, laughed at my losses,
mocked at my gains, scorned my nation,
thwarted my bargains, cooled my friends,
heated mine enemies; and what's his reason.
I am a Jew.
2. Attempt any *ten* of the following questions : 1 each
- (i) What is the revival of classical learning also known as ?
- (ii) Give the names of *two* University Wits.
- (iii) Who introduced the printing press in England ?
- (iv) Mention *two* comedies by Shakespeare.

- (v) Who is referred to as "The wisest, brightest, meanest of mankind" ?
- (vi) What was the main doctrine of the Puritans ?
- (vii) Define the term 'Conceit'.
- (viii) Name *three* Cavalier poets.
- (ix) The Restoration period marks the restoring of which king in England ?
- (x) Which was the most common theme of a Sonnet cycle.
- (xi) Name the First English Tragedy.
- (xii) Name *two* influential periodicals of the early 1700's.
- (xiii) Who contributed the most in the development of the periodical essay in the eighteenth century ?
- (xiv) Who was Demosthenes ?
- (xv) What was the role of a Chaplain in affluent English households ?
3. Answer any *five* of the following : 10 each
- (i) Write a critical appreciation of Shakespeare's sonnet "The Little Love God".
- (ii) Write a note on the metaphysical elements in the poems of Donne prescribed in your course.
- (iii) Write a critical appreciation of Dryden's "Shadwell".
- (iv) Write a brief note on Bacon's style based on the essays you have studied.

- (v) Write a summary of Richard Steele's 'Of the Club'.
- (vi) Write a character sketch of Shylock in 'The Merchant of Venice'.
- (vii) Write a note on the theme of Swift's 'The Battle of Books'.
- (viii) Write an essay on 'Periodical Essays and Essayists of the Seventeenth Century'.