

Half yearly Exam 2020-21
Paper — English Literature (First)
Paper time — Literature in English 1550-1780

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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.
- (b) , I do not goe,
For weariness of thee,
Nor in hope the world can show
A filter love for mee.
- (c) To rest to some faint meaning make pretence,
But Shadwell never deviates into sense.
- (d) To be free-minded and cheerfully disposed, at hours
of meat, and of sleep, and of exercise is one of the
best precepts of long lasting.

(e) Sir Roger, who is very well acquainted with my humour, let me rise and go to bed when I please; dine at his own table, or in my chamber, as I think fit.

(f) In sooth, I know not why I am sad :
It wearies me; you say it wearies you;
But how I caught it, found it or came by it,
What stuff 'tis made of, where of it is born,
I am to learn.

(g) If I live to be as old as Sibylla, I will die as chaste as Diana, unless I be obtained by the manner of my father's will.

2. Attempt any *ten* of the following questions : 1 each

- (1) Define 'Reformation'.
- (2) Portia is the heroine of which of Shakespeare's plays ?
- (3) What is a Sonnet ?
- (4) What is Bacon's style known as ?
- (5) Who was Addison's collaborator in 'The Spectator' ?
- (6) Which *one* of the Milton's senses was lost during writing his works ?
 - (a) sight
 - (b) hearing
- (7) Define Morality plays.
- (8) Is John Donne a metaphysical poet ?
- (9) Why does the Prime of Morocco fear that Portia will dislike him ?

- (10) Who were the 'University Wits' ?
- (11) Periodical Essay became popular in the century. 3
- (12) Which of the caskets is chosen by Bassanio ?
- (a) Gold
 - (b) Silver
 - (c) Lead
- (13) Shakespeare was born on :
- (a) April 23, 1564
 - (b) March 30, 1564
 - (c) April 26, 1564
 - (d) April 24, 1564
- (14) 'Battle of the Books' has become a term for the Quarrel of the and
- (15) Who created the character, Sir Roger ?
3. Answer any *five* of the following : 10 each
- (i) Write a critical note on 'The Little Love God.....'.
 - (ii) Write a note on John Donne as a metaphysical poet.
 - (iii) Give an estimate of Dryden as a poet.
 - (iv) Write a critical note on 'Of Studies'.
 - (v) Write a critical summary of the essay "Sir Roger at Home".
 - (vi) Draw a character sketch of 'Portia' in 'The Merchant' of Venice.
 - (vii) Discuss the use of Satire in 'Battle of the Books'.
 - (viii) Write a short note on 'The Renaissance'.