

2018
M.A.
1st Semester Examination
ENGLISH
PAPER – ENG – 101
Full Marks : 50
Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Attempt any two of the following : 8 x 2

- (a) Attempt a study of any one female character presented by Chaucer in *The General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales*.
- (b) Analyse Shakespeare's exploration of the theme of friendship in his sonnets.
- (c) Write a brief note on Donne's use of metaphysical conceits in his poem "The Extasie".
- (d) Comment on Blake's use of audio-visual images in "London".

2. Attempt any four of the following : 4 x 4

- (a) Comment on the description of the Friar in *The General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales*.
- (b) How does Shakespeare portray his mistress in sonnet 130?
- (c) Explain the concept of the 'Phoenix riddle' in Donne's "The Canonization".

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- (d) Illustrate the contextual relevance of 'a bleeding head' in Marvell's "An Horation Ode".
- (e) Comment on the satiric elements in Marvell's "The Garden".
- (f) " 'Tis sung, when Midas' ears began to spring" – Explain.
- (g) Briefly comment on the title of "A Poison Tree".
- (h) Explain the lines-
"Amphibious thing! That acting either part,
The trifling head, or the corrupted heart!"

3. Attempt any four of the following : 2 x 4

- (a) Comment on the Doctor of Phisik's love for gold.
- (b) "... if gold ruste what shal iren doo?" - Explain.
- (c) What does the phrase 'an even-fixed mark' refer to?
- (d) Briefly illustrate the idea in the line,
"Else a great prince in prison lies".
- (e) Comment on the allusion to "Apollo hunted Daphne so..."
- (f) Who was Bufo? Who was he compared to?
- (g) Who was Cato? Who were the 'Templers' in the poem "An Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot"?
- (h) What does 'the lamb' stand for in Blake's poem?

(Internal Assessment-10)

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