2019

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. Answer any *two* of the following :   **8 x 2**

(a) Attempt a character-sketch of any one ecclesiastical character in Chaucer's *Prologue to the Canterbury Tales.*

(b) Discuss the theme of change and stability in any one of the Shakespearean sonnets in your syllabus.

(c) Comment on how Donne makes a fine fusion of sacramental love and satire in "The Canonization".

(d) Is Blake's "London" a satirical portrait of the industrial city of London ? Give reasons.

2. Answer any *four* of the following :   **4 x 4**

a) Comment on the seasonal opening as depicted by Chaucer in *Prologue to the Canterbury Tales* .

b) Briefly comment on the ill practices of the Sumonour.

c) Comment on the line – "It is a star to every wandering bark."

d) Pick out any two sensuous images from the opening stanza of Donne's "The Extasie" and briefly explain them.

(Turn Over)

e) Explain the metaphor in the line – "Else a great prince in prison lies."

f) Comment on – "Amphibious thing! That acting either part, The trifling head or the corrupted heart!"

g) Comment on the first two lines of "Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot".

h) Comment on the lines – "Apollo hunted Daphne so, Only that she might laurel grow."

3. Answer any *four* of the following :   **2 x 4**

a) What is the proposal of the Host in Chaucer's *Prologue* ?

b) "My wit is short, ye may wel understonde." – Explain.

c) What do you mean by 'canker bloom' in Shakespeare's Sonnet No. 54.

d) Explain the note of contrast in Shakespeare's Sonnet No. 18.

e) "Our blood labours to beget / spirts . . ." – Explain the idea.

f) Who is Codrus? Why does Pope use the name in "Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot"?

g) What does Blake mean by "forests of the night"?

h) What is meant by "happy garden-state"?

(Internal Assessment-10)

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