3 (Sem-3/CBCS) ENG-HC 3

2022

ENGLISH (Honours)



Paper: ENG-HC-3036

(British Poetry and Drama : 17th and 18th Centuries)

Full Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

- 1. Answer any *ten* of the following as directed: 1×10=10
 - (a) What was the fruit of the forbidden tree in Paradise Lost?
 - (b) Who is called the mother of mankind?
 - (c) Mention one biblical allusion employed in Paradise Lost (Book I).

- (d) "All is not lost; the unconquerable will,
 And study of revenge, immortal hate,
 And courage never to submit or yield:"
 Who is the speaker here?
- (e) In which year was The Rover first performed?
- (f) Name the subtitle of The Rover.
- (g) Which female character best represents the playwright Aphra Behn?
- (h) Give the subtitle of Mac Flecknoe.
- (i) What objects did Mac Flecknoe hold during the coronation ceremony?
- (i) What is The Duchess of Malfi based on?
- (k) What is the fictional name of London used by Dryden in Mac Flecknoe?
- (l) Mention the name of the twin brothers of the Duchess.
- (m) Antonio and Delio are ____ in The Duchess of Malfi.

(Fill in the blank)

- (n) Who is Cariola in The Duchess of Malfi?
- (o) "Shadwell alone my perfect image bears,
 Mature in dullness from his tender
 years,"
 Where do these lines occur?
 - Write a brief note on The Secre
- (p) Name the sylph who was assigned to guard Belinda's watch.
- (q) To whom did Pope dedicate The Rape of the Lock?
- (r) "He saw, he wished, and to the prize aspired.

 Resolved to win, he meditates the way,"

 Where do these lines occur?
- 2. Answer any *five* of the following questions: 2×5=10
 - (a) Give a brief description of Milton's Hell as described in Book I of Paradise Lost.
 - (b) Write briefly about the major fallen angels as depicted in *Paradise Lost* (Book I).
 - (c) Write a brief note on the character of Bosola.

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- (d) Why does Willmore find himself attracted to Helena?
- (e) Comment on the carnival setting of The Rover.
- (f) Write a brief note on The Rover as a feminist play.
- (g) Explain the title of the poem, Mac Flecknoe.
- (h) Why did Flecknoe select Shadwell as his successor?
- (i) What does the Baron's altar contain?
- (j) Comment on the setting of The Rape of the Lock.
- 3. Write short notes on any four of the following:

 5×4=20
 - (a) Milton's use of blank verse in Paradise
 Lost (Book I)
 - (b) Milton's portrayal of Satan in Book I of Paradise Lost

- (c) Role of the Madmen in The Duckess of Malfi
- (d) The Duchess of Malfi as a Revenge Tragedy
- (e) Character of Angelica Bianca in The Rover
- (f) Significance of the street in The Rover
- (a) Coronation scene in Mac Flecknoe
- (h) Mock-heroic poem
- **4.** Answer any *four* of the following questions: 10×4=40
 - (a) Discuss the salient features of Milton's grand style as found in *Paradise Lost* (Book I).
 - (b) Critically examine the significance of the invocation in Book I of Milton's Paradise Lost.

- (c) John Webster's The Duchess of Malfi portrays a world of violence endemic to Jacobean England. Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.
- (d) "The Duchess in Webster's play embodies a heroic resistance to the male world of money and power." Critically examine this statement with reference to the text.
- (e) Discuss Aphra Behn's *The Rover* as a Restoration Comedy.
- (f) "Aphra Behn portrays a heady combination of marriage and market in her play, The Rover."
 Elucidate the above statement.
- (g) Discuss Dryden's Mac Flecknoe as a satire prompted by personal and impersonal motives.
- (h) Dryden was a great satirist, and Mac Flecknoe is one of his best verse satires. In what specific ways is Dryden satirising his rival Shadwell in the poem? Discuss.

- (i) Do you think Belinda's story is an effective vehicle for broader satire on the superficialities of the 18th century high society? What exactly is Pope satirising in *The Rape of the Lock*? Discuss.
- (j) "Belinda loses the lock but is compensated with literary fame and immortality through Pope's poem."

 Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

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