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MA 1st Semester Exam., 2018 (Back)

ENGLISH

[MEG 01]

(History of English Literature and its Contexts)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer any *five* from the following questions (each within *50* words) : 2×5=10

(a) Why is the enlightenment period also called the 'Age of Reason'?

(b) What is meant by the term 'decolonization'?

(c) Name the writer who is referred to as the 'father of English poetry'. Mention any two works by this poet.

(d) What was the role of 'guilds' during the medieval era?

(e) What is lyric poetry? Give an example.

(f) Which period in the history of English Renaissance is also addressed as the 'Second English Renaissance'? What were the factors that had a noticeable impact on the writers of this period?

2. Answer any *three* from the following questions (each within *150* words) : 4×3=12

(a) In what way did the 'Peasants' Revolt' lead to the decline of Feudalism? Explain.

(b) Briefly explain the four periods of the English Renaissance.

(c) *(i)* What is 'Industrialism'?

(ii) What were the two important historical events that coexisted with the Industrial Revolution in England? 2+2

(d) Name the writers who were referred to as the 'University Wits'. Why were they called so? 2+2

3. Answer any *three* from the following questions (each within *250* words) : 6×3=18

(a) Trace the growth of towns in Medieval England with special reference to London.

(b) How did the Industrial Revolution affect British society? Discuss.

(c) Discuss the literary contributions of the Victorian women novelists namely George Eliot and the Bronte Sisters. 3+3

(d) Give an account of poetry during the Romantic Age which is also known as the age of poetry.

4. Answer any *four* from the following questions (each within *500* words) : 10×4=40

(a) What were the major literary forms in the Victorian Age? Discuss in detail any one of them. 3+7

(b) Critically analyse the intellectual context of the Romantic Age and refer to the significant writers and their works.

(c) Explain the impact of the Renaissance on English Literature in detail.

(d) Consider the role of Church in the social, political, cultural and economic life of the Medieval period.

(e) Discuss the influence of 'Empiricism' and 'Rationalism' as philosophical trends that helped in the proliferation of the idea of knowledge during the age of enlightenment.

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