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[19-HBPGKOW–M1S(O) 20M]

MA 1st Semester (Old) Exam., 2019 (W)

ENGLISH

[MEG–01]

(History of English Literature and its Context)

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 in around *50* words) : 2×5=10

(a) What is a heroic couplet? Give two examples. 1+1=2

(b) The Romantic age in England is known for the reassertion of the rights of man. State the two main directions in which the reassertion took place in that age in England.

(c) Who were called 'guilds' during the medieval period?

(d) Mention the common assumptions of renaissance humanism.

(e) What is meant by the term 'modernism'? Name two writers belonging to early 20th century English literature. 1+1=2

(f) Mention two effects of Industrial Revolution in England.

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

(a) How did the Peasants' Revolt and the Lollard movement contribute to the process of decline of feudalism in medieval England? 2+2=4

(b) Discuss the major traits of Restoration poetry.

(c) Discuss the importance of London as the epicentre of industrial growth in England between 1750 and 1800.

(d) Define the phrase 'Age of Discovery' and describe how it became an apt expression for describing the nationalistic feeling in England. 1+3=4

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

(a) Write short notes on any *two* of the following (each in about 125 words) : 3×2=6

(i) Ideas of Empiricism

(ii) Comedy of Manners

(iii) Victorian Prose

(b) Trace the development of English drama in the Medieval Age.

(c) Make a brief and comprehensive analysis of the intellectual context of the renaissance in England.

(d) Trace the emergence of the British Empire in its first phase. What was the focus of the second British Empire? 4+2=6

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

(a) Write a critical note on the ideas of enlightenment with particular reference to the contemporary empiricist and rationalist philosophers.

(b) Summarize the achievements of the Industrial Revolution in England with your comment on its aftermath as reflected in the condition of the working class. 6+4=10

(c) Write a note on the hierarchical structure of the feudal system. Add your comment on the impact of the feudal system on medieval literature. 6+4=10

(d) Why is the Romantic Age called the 'Age of Poetry'? Discuss the different forms of poetry that flourished during the age and comment on the achievement of the major poets. 2+8=10

(e) "The novel is one of the most dominant literary forms in the modern period." Elaborate.

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