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MA 1st Semester (New) Exam. 2022 (W)

ENGLISH

(English Drama : From Elizabethan to Restoration)

[PGEG S1-03]

Full Marks : 70/80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

[Learners admitted in and after 2020 need to answer only Q.No. 1 to Q.No. 4 (total 70 marks)]

1. Answer any *five* from the following questions (each in around 50 words) : $2 \times 5 = 10$

   (*a*) Mention any two 'tragedies' written by William Shakespeare. 1+1 = 2

   (*b*) How is the opening scene of *King Lear* similar to that of Holinshed's *Chronicles* ?

   (*c*) Who is 'Goneril' in the play *King Lear* ?

   (*d*) Who are the characters in *Twelfth Night* or *What You Will* involved in a love triangle ?

   (*e*) How does the play titled *The Tempest* begin in the opening Act ?

   (*f*) (*i*) Who is 'Caliban' in the play The Tempest ?

   (*ii*) What is the major claim made by Caliban ?

2. Answer any *four* from the following questions (each in around 150 words) : $3 \times 4 = 12$

(*a*) 'Webster was the last of the great Elizabethan dramatists'. Explain with reference to the dramatic career of Webster.

(*b*) Why is 'revenge' one of the most dominant theme in the play *The White Devil* ?

(*c*) Write a few words on 'Restoration Comedy'.

(*d*) What role does the 'thirst for wealth' play as an emergent theme in the play *The Way of The World* ?

(*e*) What were the types of imagery used by Jonson ?

3. Answer any *four* from the following questions (each in around 250 words) : $6 \times 4 = 24$

(*a*) (*i*) Who were the University Wits ?

(*ii*) Mention the common features in their plays. 2+4 = 6

(*b*) Briefly discuss the sources of the play titled *The Jew of Malta*.

(*c*) Write a few lines on the following playwrights : 3+3 = 6

(*i*) Christopher Marlowe

(*ii*) Robert Greene

(*d*) How does the character of 'Barabas' represent the commercial mercantile society of the Renaissance period ?

(*e*) Write a note on 'Machiavelism'.

4. Answer any *three* from the following questions (each in around 300 words) : $8 \times 3 = 24$

(*a*) Discuss both the life and works of Ben Jonson. 4+4 = 8

(*b*) Give a summary of the play *Volpone* from your reading of the text.

(*c*) Write a comprehensive note on the plot construction of *The White Devil*.

(*d*) What is your opinion on the unhappy ending of the play *King Lear* ? Give a reasoned answer.

(Q. No. 5 is only for learners admitted before 2020)

5. Answer any *one* of the following questions (in around 350 words) : $10 \times 1 = 10$

(*a*) Discuss the major characters in *King Lear*.

(*b*) Discuss both the life and works of William Shakespeare in details.
