

2018

ENGLISH

(Major)

Paper : 1.2

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer the following as directed (any ten) :

1×10=10

- (a) What is the weather condition that the month of March has been associated with in Chaucer's Prologue to *The Canterbury Tales*?
- (b) How many times has the Wife of Bath been to Jerusalem?
- (c) What does the song of the cuckoo in springtime warn people of?
- (d) From which anthology of sonnets has Spenser's *What Guyle is this* been extracted?
- (e) The Shakespearean Sonnet consists of three _____ and a couplet.
(Fill in the blank)
- (f) To whom does Dr. Faustus give his soul?

- (g) What is the Nationality of Othello in the play?
- (h) In *Sweetest Love, I do not go*, what does Donne mean by 'feigned deaths'?
- (i) How many lines are there in a Spenserian stanza?
- (j) What was Everyman summoned for by God?
- (k) Write the title of Mary Wroth's poem prescribed in your syllabus.

2. Answer briefly the following questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) How was the knight attired?
- (b) What are the roles of Good Angel and Bad Angel in *Dr. Faustus*?
- (c) What is a morality play? Cite an example.
- (d) State briefly the central theme of Sonnet 30.
- (e) What happens to Iago and Cassio at the end of the play?

3. Explain, with reference to the context, any two of the following : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) At nyght was come into that hostelrye
Wel nyne and twenty in a campaignye,
Of sondry folk, by aventure yfalle,
In felaweshipe, and pilgrimes were they alle,
That toward Caunterbury wolden ryde.

- (b) O how shall summer's honey breath hold out
Against the wrackful siege of batt'ring days,
When rocks impregnable are not so stout,
Nor gates of steel so strong, but time decays?
- (c) When thou sigh'st, thou sigh'st not wind,
But sigh'st my soul away;
When thou weep'st, unkindly kind,
My life's blood doth decay.

4. Answer any two of the following questions :

$10 \times 2 = 20$

- (a) Attempt a critical appreciation of either *Thou Hast Made Me* or *The Means to Attain a Happy Life*.
- (b) Comment on Chaucer's art of characterisation as revealed in the Prologue to *The Canterbury Tales*.
- (c) "Ideas of time, decay and death are central to Shakespearean Sonnets." Discuss with special reference to the sonnets you have read.

5. Explain, with reference to the context, any two of the following : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Yet art thou still but Faustus, and a man.
Couldst thou make men to live eternally,
Or, being dead, raise them to life again,
Then this profession were to be esteem'd.
Physic, farewell!

- (b) To God? He loves thee not;
The God thou serv'st in thine own appetite,
Wherein is fix'd the love of Belzebub:
To him I'll build an altar and a church,
And offer lukewarm blood of new-born babes.
- (c) Ah, Faustus,
Now hast thou but one bare house to live,
And then thou must be damn'd perpetually!

6. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

- (a) Write a note on the use of soliloquies in
Othello.

Or

"Evil has nowhere been portrayed with
such mastery as in the character of
Iago." Discuss.

- (b) Write a note on the role of chorus in
Dr. Faustus.

Or

"Dr. Faustus has a beginning and an
end, but hardly any middle." Discuss.

- (c) Discuss *Everyman* as an allegory.

Or

Write a note on the themes dealt with
in *Everyman*.

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