

2021
ENGLISH
[GENERAL]
Paper : IV

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer all the questions.

1. Answer any **ten** of the following: $2 \times 10 = 20$
 - a) Name two famous plays of Shakespeare based on English chronicles.
 - b) Who wrote 'A Woman Killed with Kindness'? What sort of play is it?
 - c) Name two famous ghosts in Shakespearean tragedies.
 - d) Who is called the 'Bard of Avon' and why?
 - e) Who wrote 'Friar Bacon and Friar Bungay' and when?
 - f) Name two comedies written by Benjamin Jonson.

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- g) Who among Shakespeare's predecessors was famous for his mighty and sonorous lines and powerful blank verse?
- h) Name two poems written by John Donne.
- i) Who made the first famous translation of Ovid's 'Metamorphoses', and in which year?
- j) How many books are there in Spenser's 'The Faerie Queene', and what these chiefly intend to illuminate?
- k) Who wrote 'Epithalamion'? Explain the meaning of the term.
- l) Name the English sovereigns who ruled England during Shakespeare's time.
- m) Name two comedies of Lyly which pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth I.
- n) Name two Dark Comedies written by Shakespeare.
- o) What prompted Sidney to write 'An Apology for Poetry'?
- p) What do octave and sestet mean?
2. Answer any **four** from poetry and drama, and any **four** from History of English Literature among the three sections of the following: $5 \times 8 = 40$
 - a) Write a short note on Shakespeare's 'Fools'.
 - b) Give an account of John Kyd's contribution to Revenge Tragedy in English.

- c) Write an account of the Elizabethan lyrics with special reference to Spencer and John Donne.
- d) Who were the University Wits? Write a short note on any one of them.
- e) Write a short note on any one of Shakespearean comedies.
- f) Write a note on any one of Benjamin Jonson's comedies.
- g) Consider Andrew Marvell as a metaphysical poet.
- h) Write a short note on Elizabethan fictional prose.
- i) How is the theme of love treated in Sonnet 73?
- j) What are the poetic elements of Sonnet 73?
- k) What does the unborn child pray for in 'Prayer before Birth'?
- l) What significance does the repetition of the words "I am not yet born" have in the poem 'Prayer before Birth'?
- m) Does Frome make a strong defense for Falder in 'Justice' by John Galsworthy?
- n) Justify the title of the play 'Justice'.
- o) How does Falder want to save Ruth Honeywill?
- p) Describe the cause of death of Falder.

3. Answer any **one** from each of the **four** sections (Poetry, Drama, Novel and History of Literature) of the following: 10×4=40
- a) Describe the characteristics of forest life mentioned in 'Under the Greenwood Tree'.
 - b) Comment on the theme of 'Under the Greenwood Tree' by Thomas Hardy.
 - c) Give an account of the Elizabethan Sonnet.
 - d) Comment on the contribution of Bacon to the development of English Essay with reference to his important works.
 - e) Comment on the description of nature in Sonnet No. 73.
 - f) How does the poem 'Prayer before Birth' reveal the plight of a modern man?
 - g) Describe the importance of Mute Scene (Act III, Scene III) in 'Justice'.
 - h) Write an essay on the plot of 'Justice'.