

[22-HKPD1SN-23A]

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 ?

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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. $4+4 = 8$

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- (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.