

6(D) M.A/Sem-I/Eng/COR-102/DODL/21

2021

ENGLISH

Semester-I Examination (DODL)

Paper : COR-102

[Renaissance to Restoration (1485-1659) :

Poetry and Prose]

Full Marks : 80

Time : 4 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.*

GROUP-A

Answer any **four** questions : 15×4=60

1. a) How do the sonnets composed by Shakespeare subvert the conventional notion of heterosexual love? Elucidate with suitable references to the poems that you have read. 15

OR

b) To what extent are the Shakespearean sonnets anti-Petrarchan? Substantiate your answer with appropriate references to the poems prescribed in your syllabus. 15

2. a) What impression of Satan's character do you get from his soliloquies? Answer with reference to *Paradise Lost* (Book IV). 15

OR

b) Analyse John Milton's depiction of the Garden of Eden. 15

3. a) Write a note on the political system, administration and government as described in *Utopia*. 15

OR

b) Do you think that Thomas More's *Utopia* should be considered as a text written in the tradition of Renaissance Humanism? Give reasons for your answer. 15

4. a) Commenting on Bacon's style, William Hazlitt once remarked, "His writings have the gravity of prose with the fervour and vividness of poetry". Do you agree with this observation? Justify your argument with proper textual references. 15

OR

b) Write a note on the use of Biblical and Classical allusions in the essays of Bacon prescribed in your syllabus. 15

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**GROUP-B**

Answer any **four** questions: 5×4=20

5. a) Locate and annotate: 5  
I love to hear her speak, yet well I know  
That music hath a far more pleasing sound;  
I grant I never saw a goddess go;  
My mistress when she walks treads on the  
ground.

**OR**

- b) What are the "two loves" mentioned in Sonnet 144 by Shakespeare and how are they distinguished from each other? 5
6. a) Write a short note on the "Tree of Knowledge" in Milton's *Paradise Lost*. 5

**OR**

- b) Who was the angel that identified Satan in the Garden of Eden? Write about their encounter. 1+4
7. a) Briefly summarize the marriage custom of Utopia. 5

**OR**

- b) What are the similarities that can be found between Plato's *The Republic* and More's *Utopia*? 5

8. a) What is an aphorism? Cite a few aphorisms used in Bacon's essays that you have studied. 5

**OR**

- b) Locate and annotate : 5  
...men ought to beware of this passion, which loseth not only other things, but itself...that he that preferred Helena, quitted the gifts of Juno and Pallas. For whosoever esteemeth too much of amorous affection, quitteth both riches and wisdom.
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