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B.A. (Part-I) Examination, 2023
ENGLISH LITERATURE
First Paper
(English Poetry and Drama)

Duration of Examination: 3 Hours

परीक्षा की अवधि: 3 घण्टा

Max. Marks: 100

पूर्णांक: 100

Instructions to the Candidates:**परीक्षार्थी के लिए निर्देश:-**

All questions carry equal marks and all the five questions are compulsory. However, there is internal choice as part of unitization scheme.

Unit-I

- 1- Explain with reference to context any four of the following extracts with critical remarks:- 4x5=20
- (a) My Love is like to ice, and I to fire.
How comes it then that this her cold so great
Is not dissolved through my so hot desire.
- (b) Love's not Times fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
within his bending sickle's compass come
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks.
- (c) Teach me to hear mermaids singing
Or to keep off envy's stinging
And find
What wind
Serves to advance an honest mind.
- (d) Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men.
And dost with poison, war and sickness dwell.
- (e) Timotheus placed on high
Amid the tuneful quire
With flying fingers touched the lyre.
The trembling notes ascend the sky.
- (f) How soon hath Time, the subtle thief of youth,
Stol'n on his wing my three and twentieth year!
- (g) In sooth I know not why I am so sad
It wearies me, you say it wearies you
But how I caught it, found it, or came by it,
What stuff it is made of, whereof it is born.
- (h) Let me play the fool.
with mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come,
And let my liver rather beat with wine.
Than my heart cool with mortifying groans.



Unit-II

10x1=10

2-(A) Answer the following questions in 20-25 words each:-

- (i) What type of sonnet is Spenser's "Ice and Fire"?
- (ii) To whom is the sonnet 'When to the sessions of sweet silent thought dedicated'?
- (iii) Give the rhyme scheme of the sonnet, "Let me not to the marriage of true minde".
- (iv) Why is Milton Sad in the sonnet, "On his 23rd birthday"?
- (v) Mention two impossible things in the poem, "Go and catch a falling star".
- (vi) Who wrote the poem, 'Alexander's Feast'?
- (vii) Who was Shadwell? *Mad Jux*
- (viii) What do you understand by the title of the poem, 'Death, be not proud'?
- (ix) Who does Bassanio give Portia's ring to?
- (x) What is the significance of title "The Merchant of Venice"?

(B)- Answer any two of the following questions in about 200 words each:-

5x2=10

- (i) Write a short note on the poem, 'Go and catch a falling star'.
- (ii) Compare the rhyme scheme of the sonnet "Let me not to the marriage of True minds" and 'On his 23rd bday'.
- (iii) Mention the theme of the poem, 'An Essay on Man', by Alexander Pope.
- (iv) Write a short note on the character of Bassanio of, 'The Merchant of Venice'.

Unit-III

3- Write a critical appreciation of the sonnet, 'Ice and Fire' by Edmund Spenser.

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OR

Write a critical appreciation of the poem, 'When to the sessions of Sweet Silent thought'

OR

Write a critical summary of the poem, "Alexander's Feast".

Unit-IV

4- Draw a character sketch of Shylock from the play, 'The Merchant of Venice'.

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OR

Explain the importance of the casket episode in the play, 'The Merchant of Venice'.

OR

Who is the most important character in the play according to you and justify your answer.

Unit-V

5- Write a detailed essay of about 500 words on any one of the following.

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- (a) Characteristics of Elizabethan Age.
- (b) Characteristics of Neo- classical Age.
- (c) Short notes on :-
 - (i) Sonnet (ii) Blank Verse (iii) Lyric
