



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 3rd Semester Examination, 2020, held in 2021

ENGACOR07T-ENGLISH (CC7)

PAPER TITLE: BRITISH POETRY AND DRAMA (17TH -18TH C)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

1. Answer any **one** from the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Make a critical assessment of Milton's use of epic conventions in *Paradise Lost*, Book I.
 - (b) Discuss Milton's *Paradise Lost*, Book I, as an epic delineating the conflict between good and evil.

2. Answer any **one** from the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) 'The Rape of the Lock is much more than a satire; it is a work of imagination.' Comment on the validity of this observation with reference to the text.
 - (b) Is Pope's treatment of Belinda in *The Rape of the Lock* a satirical commentary on feminine follies? Discuss with close reference to the text.

3. Answer any **two** from the following questions in about 200 words: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) Who is Satan's second in command in *Paradise Lost*, Book I? Discuss his role.
 - (b) Comment on the appropriateness of the Vallombrosa simile in *Paradise Lost*, Book I.
 - (c) Briefly describe how, according to Ariel, the women were transformed after death in *The Rape of the Lock*.

4. Contextualise and explain any **two** of the following extracts: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) For this, ere Phoebus rose, he had implor'd
Propitious Heav'n, and ev'ry pow'r ador'd,
But chiefly love—to love an altar built,
Of twelve vast French romances, neatly gilt.

- (b) With varying vanities, from ev'ry part,
They shift the moving toyshop of their heart;
Where wigs with wigs, with sword-knots sword-knots strive,
Beaux banish beaux, and coaches coaches drive.
- (c) What in me is dark
Illumine, what is low raise and support;
That to the highth of this great Argument
I may assert Eternal Providence,
And justify the ways of God to men.

N.B. : *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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