



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 3rd Semester Examination, 2022-23

ENGACOR07T-ENGLISH (CC7)

BRITISH POETRY AND DRAMA



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** of 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-1.
 - (b) Can Satan be called the hero in 'Paradise Lost', Book-1? Justify.

2. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Critically comment on Pope's depiction of Belinda in the 'The Rape of the Lock'.
 - (b) Comment on the title of the mock-epic 'The Rape of the Lock'.

3. Contextualise and explain the following extracts in about 200-250 words: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) I thence
Invoke thy aid to my adventurous Song,
That with no middle flight intends to soar
Above th' Aonian Mount, while it pursues
Things unattempted yet in Prose or Rhime.

OR
 - (b) Perhaps hath spent his shafts, and ceases now
To bellow through the vast and boundless Deep.
Let us not slip th' occasion, whether scorn,
Or satiate fury yield it from our foe.
 - (c) 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.

OR

- (d) Oft, when the world imagine women stray,
The Sylphs through mystic mazes guide their way,
Thro' all the giddy circle they pursue,
And old impertinence expel by new.



4. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 450-500 words:

10×1 = 10

- (a) Do you think that "The White Devil" is a Revenge tragedy? Justify.
(b) Comment on the character of Vittoria in "The White Devil".

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