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III Semester B.A. Examination, March/April 2023
(Freshers) (NEP) (2022 – 23 and Onwards)
OPTIONAL ENGLISH – A – 2
British Literature Upto 1800

Time : 2½ Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Instruction : Answer all the questions.

SECTION – A
(History of English Literature)



I. Answer any four questions :

(5×4=20)

- 1) What are the characteristics of Elizabethan poetry ?
- 2) Elucidate the main features of Elizabethan drama.
- 3) Discuss the features of Restoration drama.
- 4) Write a short note on 18th century prose.
- 5) Give three reasons as to why read Middle English literature.

SECTION – B
(Authors and Works)

II. Answer any four questions :

(5×4=20)

- 1) Discuss Aphra Behn as a radical writer with reference to her works.
- 2) Comment on Margaret Cavendish as a precursor for more explicit feminist writers with reference to her works.
- 3) Is *Paradise Lost* only a bleak and tragic story ? Why or why not ?
- 4) Comment on John Bunyan's contribution to literary history and usage of allegory as a figurative tool.
- 5) What is the message of *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan ?

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SECTION – C
(Play)

III. Answer **any two** questions :

(5×2=10)

- 1) Do you think Doctor Faustus is a tragedy ? Explain.
- 2) What are the main conditions of the bond in the play ?
- 3) What is the main theme of the play ?

IV. Answer **any two** questions. (Poetry and Essays)

(5×2=10)

- 1) What is the central idea of the poem *On His Blindness* ?
 - 2) What does 'apple' signify in the poem *A Poison Tree* ? Explain with Biblical reference.
 - 3) What is the theme of the essay 'The Man in Black' ?
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