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Name of the Candidate:

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, May 2015

(ENGLISH)

(FIRST YEAR)

520: RESTORATION AND EIGHTEENTH CENTURY ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time: Three hours

Maximum: 100 marks

SECTION-A

Answer any FIVE questions

(5 × 8 = 40)

1.
 - a. For solitude sometimes is best society
And short retirement urges sweet return
 - b. Foe not formidable, exempt from wound,
I not; so much hath hell debased and pain
Enfeebled me to what I was in Heaven.
2.
 - a. Heavens bless my son, from Ireland let him reign
To far Barbadoes on the western main.
 - b. Did some more sober critic come abroad?
If wrong, I smiled, If right, I kissed the rod.
3.
 - a. He is a perpetual fountain of good sense; learned in all
sciences and therefore, speaks properly on all subjects.
 - b. Tis sufficient to say, according to the proverb, that
Here is God's plenty.
4.
 - a. For the present quarrel is so inflamed by the warm Heads
Of either faction and the pretensions somewhere or other
so exorbitant, as not to admit the least overtures of accommodation
 - b. The Guardian of the Regal Library, a person of Great
Valor, but Chiefly renowned for his Humanity, had been
a Fierce champim for the Moderns, and in an Engagement
Upon parnarsus, had vowed, with his own Hands, to knock
Down two of the ancient chiefs....
5.
 - a. So one will be rotten before he be ripe, and the other
will be rotten without ever being ripe at all
 - b. I loathe the name of love after such usage; and
next to guild with which you would asperse me, I
scron you most

6. a. He shall starve upward and upward, till he has nothing living but his head, and then go out in a stink like a candle's end upon a save-all.
- b. This insolence is beyond all precedent, all parallel
Must I be subject to this merciless villain?

Attempt the following questions in about 200 words each:

7. a. Write a note on the use of epic similes in *Paradise Lost* Book IX.
b. Comment on the moral in *A Poison Tree*
8. a. Highlight Johnson's views on the merits of Shakespeare.
b. Examine the role of Mrs. Malaprop in *The Rivals*.

SECTION-B

Answer any THREE questions

(3 × 20 = 60)

9. a. Compare and contrast the characters of Adam and Eve.
(OR)
b. Discuss the autobiographical elements in "Epistle to *Dr. Arbuthnot*".
10. a. Highlight the philosophy of life embedded in "Elegy written in a Country Churchyard".
(OR)
b. Examine the contribution of the pre-romantic poets to English Literature.
11. a. Appreciate the significance of the Spider and the Bee episode in *The Battle of the Books*.
(OR)
b. Consider Addison and Steele as moralists with reference to their periodical essays.
12. a. Discuss *The Way of the World* as a comedy of manners.
(OR)
b. Sketch the character of Tony Lumpkin in *She Stoops to Conquer*.
13. a. Bring out the Biblical elements in *The Pilgrim's Progress*.
(OR)
b. Appreciate the major characters in *The Vicar of Wakefield*.
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