



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 3rd Semester Examination, 2021-22

ENGACOR07T-ENGLISH (CC7)

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** of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Does Milton adhere to the traditional epic conventions in his Invocation to *Paradise Lost*, Book I? Answer with close reference to the text.
 - (b) Analyse the character of Satan in the light of the first two speeches in *Paradise Lost*, Book I.

2. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) What role do the sylphs play in *The Rape of the Lock*? Give textual illustrations for your answer.
 - (b) What is a mock-heroic poem? Does *The Rape of the Lock* fit into this category?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 200 words: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) How was Pandemonium built? Who was its chief architect?
 - (b) Milton refers to a 'Tuscan artist' in *Paradise Lost*, Book I. Discuss the importance of such an allusion in the related context.
 - (c) Give a brief description of the game of Ombre.

4. Contextualise and explain any **two** of the following extracts: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) This casket India's glowing gems unlocks,
And all Arabia breathes from yonder box.
The tortoise here and elephant unite,
Transform'd to combs, the speckled and the white.

- (b) Not louder shrieks to pitying Heav'n are cast,
When husbands or when lap-dogs breathe their last,
Or when rich China vessels, fall'n from high,
In glitt'ring dust and painted fragments lie!
- (c) O Prince, O Chief of many Throned Powers,
That led th' embattled Seraphim to war
Under thy conduct and in dreadful deeds
Fearless, endangered Heaven's perpetual King,.....

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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