2018

ENGLISH

[Honours]

PAPER - III

Full Marks: 90

Time: 4 hours

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

[NEW SYLLABUS]

GROUP - A

1. Answer any one of the following:

 8×1

(a) Attempt a study of the influence of the Restoration on English society, culture and literature.

(b) Write a brief essay on the rise of the periodical essays in England in the 18th century.

GROUP - B

2. Answer any one of the following:

 12×1

- (a) Consider *The Rivals* as an anti-sentimental comedy.
- (b) Comment on the significance of the title of the play *The Rivals*.
- (c) Explain the role of friendship in Dryden's All for Love.
- (d) Attempt a study of the justification of the sub-title of Dryden's All for Love.
- 3. Answer any one of the following: 8×1
 - (a) Do you agree with Dr. Johnson's observation that Addison's style is 'familiar but not coarse and elegant but not ostentatious'? Answer with reference to Addison's "Sir Roger at Home".

- (b) Show how Steele, through "The Spectator Club", offers a critique of the 18th century aristocracy in England.
- 4. Attempt any one of the following:

 12×1

- (a) Do you think that Swift's Gulliver's Travels (Book I) can be read as an allegory? Discuss.
- (b) How does Swift explore the theme of Individual versus society in Gulliver's Travels, Book I?
- (c) Attempt a study of the title of Oroonoko.
- (d) Comment on Aphra Benn's presentation of the plight of women in *Oroonoko*.
- 5. Answer any one of the following:

 8×1

- (a) Comment on Gulliver's interpretation of the Liliputian system of law.
- (b) Bring out the importance of the role of the English Sea captain in *Oroonoko*.

GROUP - C

- 6. Attempt any one of the following: 12×1
 - (a) Comment on the invocation to Paradise Lost.
 - (b) Consider "The Rape of the Lock" as a mock-epic.
- 7. Answer any one of the following: 12×1
 - (a) Consider Gray as a precursor of romanticism with reference to his elegy.
 - (b) Attempt a study of the syllogistic structure of Marvell's "To His Coy Mistress".
- 8. Answer any one of the following: 8×1
 - (a) How does Milton describe Hell in Paradise Lost, BK-I?
 - (b) Bring out the metaphysical traits in Vaughan's "The Retreat".
 - (c) How does Pope present Belinda's Toilet?

9. Answer any two of the following:

 5×2

- (a) How is the theme of young versus old presented in the play *The Rivals*?
- (b) Point out the significance of Bath as a locale for *The Rivals*.
- (c) Comment on the importance of the Epilogue to All for Love.
- (d) Mention and explain any one of the Epic Similes in *Paradise Lost*, BK-I.
- (e) Bring out the allusion in "That shady City of Palme trees".
- (f) Describe the punishment intended for the Sylphs in The Rape of the Lock.