

M.A. 1st Semester Examination, 2024

ENGLISH

PAPER — ENG-101

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

Answer all questions

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words (limit 300 words) as far as practicable

GROUP — A

Answer any two of the following questions :

10 × 2

1. (a) Write a note on the elements of social realism in *The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales*.

Or

- (b) Discuss the portrayal of ecclesiastical characters in *The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales*.
2. (a) Do you think that the sonnets of Shakespeare need to be read individually, and not as part of a 'sonnet sequence'? – Justify your answer with reference to the sonnets you have read.

Or

- (b) Critically discuss the conflict between Time and Love as represented in the sonnets of Shakespeare which you have read.
3. (a) Write an essay on the uniqueness of Donne as a poet of love with reference to the poems you have read.

Or

- (b) Discuss how Donne combines 'thought' and 'feeling' in his poetry with reference to the poems you have read.
4. (a) "There is a strange mixture of honesty and hypocrisy in *An Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot*". Discuss.

Or

- (b) Comment on the art of satire with reference to any two satirical portraits in *An Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot*.

GROUP – B

Comment on any four of the following : 5 × 4

5. "If gold ruste, what shall iren do ?"
6. Shakespeare's handling of images of season and growth in his sonnets.

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7. The theme of 'procreation' in Shakespeare's sonnets.
8. "The Phoenix riddle hath more wit/By us..."
9. "That subtle knot which makes us man"
10. The opening of Pope's *An Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot*.

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]
