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English Language and Literature

EL 213 : Paper III – THE AUGUSTAN AGE

(2017 Admission onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

- I. Write short answers on any five of the following in about 50 words:
  1. Comment on the personal elements that Milton has included in Book 1 of *Paradise Lost*.
  2. To which genre of verse does "The Rape of the Lock" belong?
  3. Can *Love's Last Shift* be called a sentimental comedy?
  4. What according to Locke can be called an "idea"?
  5. Who were the members of the Spectator club?
  6. Comment on the narrator in *Oroonoko*.
  7. What are the features of a picaresque narrative?
  8. Why is William Blake called a pre-romantic poet?

(5 × 2 = 10 Marks)

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- II. Comment on any **two** of the following choosing one from each group.

SECTION – A

9. My warbling lute, the lute I whilom strung  
When to King John of Portugal I sung,  
Was but the prelude to that glorious day,  
When thou on silver Thames did'st cut thy way,  
With well tim'd oars before the royal barge,  
Swell'd with the pride of thy celestial charge;  
And big with hymn, commander of an host,  
The like was ne'er in Epsom blankets toss'd.
10. Th' infernal Serpent; he it was, whose guile  
Stird up with Envy and Revenge, deceiv'd  
The Mother of Mankind, what time his Pride  
Had cast him out from Heav'n, with all his Host  
Of Rebel Angels, by whose aid aspiring  
To set himself in Glory above his Peers,  
He trusted to have equal'd the most High,  
If he oppos'd; and with ambitious aim  
Against the Throne and Monarchy of God  
Rais'd impious War in Heav'n and Battel proud  
With vain attempt.

SECTION – B

11. Oh! here, ma'am. - [Taking books from under her cloak, and from her pockets.]  
This is 'The Gordian Knot', - and this 'Peregrine Pickle'. Here are 'The Tears of  
Sensibility', and 'Humphrey Clinker'. This is 'The Memoirs of a Lady of Quality,  
written by herself', and here the second volume of 'The Sentimental Journey'.



The gentleman next in esteem and authority among us is another bachelor, who is a member of the Inner Temple, a man of great probity, wit, and understanding, but he has chosen his place of residence rather to obey the direction of an old humorsome father than in pursuit of his own inclinations. He was placed there to study the laws of the land, and is the most learned of any of the house in those of the stage. Aristotle and Longinus are much better understood by him than Littleton or Coke.

(2 × 5 = 10 Marks)

III. Write short notes any **two** of the following in about **150** words

13. Comment on the genre of the play *The Way of the World*.
14. Analyse the 'spider and the bee' episode in *The Battle of the Books*.
15. Comment on the didactic nature of "*The Nightingale and the Glowworm*."
16. Why did authors use the epistolary genre to write fiction?

(2 × 5 = 10 Marks)

IV. Write essays on any **three** of the following in about **500** words choosing one from each section.

#### SECTION – A

17. Comment on Milton's grand style. Illustrate by quoting relevant sections from *Paradise Lost* Book 1.
18. "The Caroline lyricists showed us that it was possible for poetry to celebrate the minor pleasures and sorrows of life". Write with reference to the relevant poems prescribed for study.
19. Discuss *The Rivals* as a comedy of Manners

(1 × 15 = 15 Marks)

