



COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 1st Semester Examinations, 2023

Under Backlog Syllabus

ENGLISH

BRITISH POETRY AND DRAMA: FROM CHAUCER TO THE END OF 16TH CENTURY

CORE-1

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer any **one** of the following questions: 15×1 = 15
- (a) How does the Wife of Bath challenge the authority of the scriptures regarding the institution of marriage?
 - (b) Attempt a critical appreciation of Spenser's sonnet no. LXXV.
 - (c) Can Shakespeare's sonnets be considered as an example of autobiographical exercises? Discuss with reference to his sonnets prescribed in your syllabus.
 - (d) Discuss *Edward II* as a historical play.
 - (e) Write an essay on Shakespeare's presentation of the supernatural elements in *Macbeth*.

OR

Discuss *Twelfth Night* as a romantic comedy.

2. Answer any **one** of the following questions: 10×1 = 10
- (a) Discuss the marital life of the Wife of Bath.
 - (b) Discuss the role of Isabella in bringing about the downfall of Edward II.
 - (c) Attempt a critical appreciation of Shakespeare's sonnet no. 18.
 - (d) Discuss the significance of the Banquet scene in *Macbeth*.

OR

Discuss the role of Feste in *Twelfth Night*.

3. Write a short note on any **one**: 5×1 = 5
- (a) "This gives life to thee" — Bring out the significance of this statement.
 - (b) "Two kings in England cannot reign at once..." — Explain this statement with reference to the context.

(c) "Fair is foul and foul is fair..." — Explain.

OR

"If music be the food of love, play on ..." Bring out the significance of this line.

4. Answer any *ten* questions from the following:

1×10 = 10

- (a) At what age was the Wife of Bath first married?
- (b) Name two characters who interrupt the Wife of Bath as she speaks.
- (c) What does Spenser mean by "Second Hand" in sonnet no. LXXV?
- (d) To which sonnet sequence does "One day I wrote her name ..." belong?
- (e) What would ravage the darling buds of May?
- (f) What is the meaning of "several plot" in sonnet no. 137?
- (g) Who are "two Mortimers"?
- (h) Who murdered Edward II?
- (i) Where did Edward II hide in disguise after his defeat by the nobles?
- (j) Name the son of Banquo.

OR

Who does Viola fall in love with?

(k) Which son of Duncan flees to Ireland?

OR

What is the subtitle of *Twelfth Night*?

(l) Who kills Macbeth?

OR

Who rescued Sebastian from being drowned?

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ENGLISH
THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY
DSC (GROUP-1)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

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1. Answer any **one** of the following questions: 15×1 = 15
- Do you think that Rabindranath Tagore's story, "The Exercise Book" can be read as a strong reformist plea for greater equality in educational opportunities for men and women? Explain.
 - Discuss "Joothan" as a narrative of resistance.
 - Discuss the society's attitude towards the caste system as explored in Hira Barsode's poem, "Bosom Friend".
 - Discuss how Wilfred Owen explores the idea of Heroism in "Dulce et Decorum Est".
 - Analyse Marge Piercy's poem, "Breaking Out" as a feminist poem.
 - Discuss how the notion of national boundaries affect the animal kingdom in Sadat Hasan Manto's "The Dog of Tetwal".
 - Examine the theme of marriage in Eunice De Souza's "Marriages are Made".
 - Comment on the narrative technique employed in "Yellow Fish".
2. Answer any **one** of the following questions: 10×1 = 10
- Discuss how do the school teachers fall short of the ideal image of the guru in Omprakash Valmiki's story, "Joothan".
 - "Truly, you folk will never improve" — Comment on how the friend's reproach turns back on her in an ironic reversal in "Bosom Friend".
 - Assess the narratorial attitude towards Pyarimohan in Rabindranath Tagore's story, "The Exercise Book".
 - How does the treatment of household chores relate to the treatment of physical violence in "Breaking Out"?
 - Analyse the title of the poem, "Marriages are Made".
 - Comment on the impact of colour employed in the story, "Yellow Fish".
 - Discuss why Manto presents an idyllic description of nature in "The Dog of Tetwal".

3. Write short note on any *one*:

- (a) Comment on the significance of the breaking of the 'ruler' in Marge Piercy's poem, "Breaking Out".
- (b) Comment on the ending of the poem, "Bosom Friend".
- (c) Comment briefly on the use of passive voice in the poem, "Marriages are Made".

4. Answer any *ten* questions from following:

1×10 = 10

- (a) From whom did Omprakash Valmiki learn alphabets?
- (b) Who had developed a boil in his belly in Omprakash Valmiki's short story, "Joothan"?
- (c) What did, in Hira Bansode's poem, "Bosom Friend", the poet's friend ask for to be served with the last course of rice?
- (d) What was the name of Uma's elder brother?
- (e) What was the name of Uma's youngest sister-in-law?
- (f) Name the legendary Greek king of Corinth who is referred to in "Breaking Out".
- (g) At what age did the poet, Marge Piercy break the ruler?
- (h) Why were Elena's "family history examined" before her marriage?
- (i) "Ikkade e, come here." — Who is summoned by Ambai in "Yellow Fish"?
- (j) "Dulce et Decorum est / Pro patria mori" — What is the meaning of these lines in English?
- (k) Who is referred to as 'Chapad Jhunjhun' in Manto's "The Dog of Tetwal"?
- (l) Who is the youngest of the guards in Manto's "The Dog of Tetwal"?

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