

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2018  
(Second Semester)

Branch – ENGLISH

**HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

**PART - A**

I **Fill in the blanks:** (5 x 1 = 5)

1. Shakespeare's predecessors are known as \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Milton's 'Lycidas' mourns the death of his friend \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The age of Pope is called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Victorian age of pope noted for the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced a new literacy device called the material principle sprung rhythm.

II **Say whether the following sentences are true or false:** (5 x 1 = 5)

1. Shakespeare's dramatic work consists of 37 plays.
2. Ben Johnson was the real founder of the comedy of Manners.
3. Walter Scott's first novel 'Waverly' appeared in the year 1418.
4. Browing is a successful dramatist.
5. The plays of Shaw's were aimed at mere pleasure.

III **Choose the best answer:** (5 x 1 = 5)

1. John Lyly's 'The Anatomy of Wit' was written in the year  
i) 1556      ii) 1565      iii) 1579
2. L'Allegro and Ilpenseroso written by  
(i) Milton      (ii) Dryden      (iii) Shakespeare
3. Addison and Steele are always associated on account of their  
(i) Birthplace      (ii) Collaboration in the periodical essay      (iii) Intelligence
4. 'Unto this last' is a famous work by  
(i) Bacon      (ii) Carlyle      (iii) Ruskin
5. 'Spanish Tragedy' is written by  
(i) Thomas Kyd      (ii) John Kyd      (iii) John Thomas

IV **Answer in one or two sentences:** (10 x 1 = 10)

1. What is the theme of Edward II?
2. Who wrote 'Alchemist'?
3. What was the final work of Alexander?
4. Who was Chaucer's chief rival in poetry?
5. Which is the noblest wedding hymns of Spenser?
6. Who was acknowledged as the 'Father of English Criticism'?
7. Who wrote 'Biographia Literaria'?

8. Name any three novels of George Eliot?
9. Name any three 'critics' of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
10. What is the central theme of 'Easter 1916'?

**PART - B**

V **Answer all the questions in about 500 words:** (5 x 10 = 50)

- 26 a) Attempt an essay on Chaucer's contribution to English poetry.  
OR  
b) Give reasons for the greatness of Edward Spencer as a poet.
- 27 a) Write an essay on Heroic Tragedy.  
OR  
b) Consider Milton's 'Paradise Lost' is an epic.
- 28 a) Write down chief features of picaresque novel.  
OR  
b) What is the importance of the coverly papers in the history of English Literature?
- 29 a) Describe Ruskin's greatness as a prose stylist.  
OR  
b) Evaluate Hardy as a novelist.
- 30 a) What are the special features on W.B. Yeats poetry?  
OR  
b) Write an essay on I.A. Richards's criticism.

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