

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2022
(Second Semester)

Branch – ENGLISH

BRITISH LITERATURE - II

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks (5 x 1 = 5)

1. Which of these doctrines did the puritans believe in?
a) A purer form of worship b) Gaining only knowledge
c) Church was supreme d) Monarchy is to be subdued
2. Who was the compiler of first English Dictionary?
a) Samuel Johnson b) Joseph Addison
c) Charles Lamb d) William Hazlitt
3. Which of the following plays is written by Dryden?
a) The Rival Ladies b) Revenge
c) The Maids' Revenge d) The Pink Panther
4. What does Darcy say to Elizabeth concerning Wickham?
a) that Wickham going through hardships
b) that Wickham has a dark past hidden
c) that Wickham is good at making friends, but not very good at retaining them.
d) that Wickham has a criminal record that nobody knew about
5. How did the sailors react when they first spotted the Albatross, in 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'??
a) They dropped dead suddenly
b) They mistook it for an angel
c) They hailed it in God's name
d) They were sure it was a bad omen

SECTION - B

II Answer all questions.

(4 x 3 = 12)

6. a) O Earth, how like to Heav'n, if not prefer'd
More justly, Seat worthier of Gods, as built
With second thoughts, reforming what was old!
For what God after better worse would build?
(OR)
b) What may this mean? Language of Man pronounc't
By Tongue of Brute, and human sense exprest?
The first at least of these I thought deni'd
To Beasts, whom God on their Creation-Day
Created mute to all articulate sound;
7. a) Sunday clears away the rust of the whole week, not only as it refreshes in their minds the notions of religion, but as it puts both the sexes upon appearing in their most agreeable forms, and exerting all such qualities as are apt to give them a figure in the eye of the village.
(OR)
b) He is known by his knock. Your heart telleth you "That is Mr. —." A rap, between familiarity and respect; that demands, and, at the same time, seems to despair of, entertainment.

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8. a) Portents and prodigies have grown so frequent,
That they have lost their name. Our fruitful Nile
Flowed ere the wonted season, with a torrent
So unexpected, and so wondrous fierce,

(OR)

b) No, I'll give you your revenge another time, when you are not so indifferent; you are thinking of something else now, and play too negligently: the coldness of a losing gamester lessens the pleasure of the winner.

9. a) Our boat is safely anchored by the shore,
And there will safely ride when we are gone;
The flowering shrubs that deck our humble door
Will prosper, though untended and alone:

(OR)

b) O the cunning wiles that creep
In thy little heart asleep!
When thy little heart doth wake,
Then the dreadful night shall break.

III Write short notes on the following.

(1x3=3)

10. a) Discuss why some of the important characters in Ivanhoe are in disguise.

(OR)

b) Justify the fact that the novel Ivanhoe glorifies chivalry.

SECTION C

IV Write essays on the following questions.

(5x6=30)

11. a) Analyze the role of Satan in bringing the downfall of Man with reference to Milton's Paradise Lost Book IX.

(OR)

b) Assess the characters of Adam and Eve with reference to Paradise Lost, Book IX.

12. a) Trace the growth of essays as a genre and conclude it with the essayists prescribed for your study.

(OR)

b) Discuss the merits and defects of Shakespeare as given in Johnson's Preface to Shakespeare.

13. a) Throw light on all the minor characters from Dryden's All for Love and assess them from your point of view.

(OR)

b) Defend the fact that the play The Way of the World is a comedy of Manners of its time.

14. a) Explore Austen's portrayal of the women in the novel. In what ways does she sympathize with their plight, and in what ways is she unsympathetic?

(OR)

b) Elaborate why the novel Pride and Prejudice is so popular, even after the original suspense is gone and readers know how it ends?

15 a) Dissect the poem, The Rime of the Ancient Mariner based on the development of its themes of crime, punishment, and redemption.

(OR)

b) Compare and contrast the romantic poets prescribed for your study.