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ENGS2111LT
B.A., Semester Second,
Examination, 2021-2022
ENGLISH LITERATURE
PAPER - First
(Poetry till 18th century)

[Time : 2 Hrs.]

[Maximum Marks : 55]

Note : The question paper is divided into two Sections.
Answer the questions as per directions given
in each section.

SECTION - A
(Short Answer Type Questions)
(4×7.5=30)

1. Explain with reference to the context any four
of the following passages of 7.5 marks each.

- (a) As virtuous men pass mildly away,
And whisper to their souls to go,
Whilst some of their sad friends do say
The breath goes now, and some say, No;
So let us melt, and make no noise,

No tear-floods, nor sigh-tempests move;
'twere profanation of our joys
To tell the laity our love.

(b) O nymph reserved, while now the bright-haired
Sun

Sits in yon western tent, whose cloudy skirts,
With brede ethereal wove,
O'erhang his wavy bed;

Now air is hushed, save where the weak-ey'd
Bat

With short shrill shriek flits by on leathern
Wing.

Or where the beetle winds
His small but sullen horn.

- (c) Can storied urn or animated bust
Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?
Can honour's voice provoke the silent dust,
Or Flatt'ry soothe the dull cold ear of Death?
(d) What the hammer? what the chain,
In what furnace was thy brain?

What the anvil? What dread grasp,
Dare its deadly terrors clasp!
Love is not love
Which alters when it alternation finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove.
O no! it is an ever-fixed mark
That looks on tempests and is never shaken.

(f) So restless Cromwell could not cease
In the inglorious arts of peace,
But thorough advent'rous war
Urged his active star.
And like the three-fork'd lightning, first
Breaking the clouds where it was nurst,
Did through his own side
His fiery way divide.

(g) When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my days in this dark world and wide,
And that one talent which is death to hide
Lodg'd with me useless, though my soul more
bent

To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest he returning chide,
"Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?
I fondly ask.

(h) Know then thyself, presume not God to scan;
The proper study of mankind is man.
Plac'd on this isthmus of a middle state,
A being darkly wise, and rudely great:
With too much knowledge for the sceptic side,
With too much weakness for the stoic's pride.

Section - B
(Long Answer Type Questions)

(2×12.5=25)

Note : Answer any two of the following questions of
12.5 marks each:

- ✓ 2. Discuss John Milton as a sonneteer.
3. Write a note on the Delient features of Donne's poetry.
- ✓ 4. Write a critical appreciation of William Blake's 'London'.
5. Discuss Dryden as a poet.