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**B.A. Semester-First Examination, 2021-2022**

**ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**PAPER - First**

**(Prose Till 18th Century)**

[Time : 2 Hrs]

[ Maximum Marks : 55]

**Note :** This question paper is divided into two sections. Section A of 30 marks consists of short answer type questions. In Section B of 25 marks, the candidate shall attempt any two out of four long answer type questions of 12½ marks each. Answer the questions as per directions.

**SECTION - A**

**Short Answer type Questions**

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

- ✓ (a) Crafty men condemn studies, simple men admire them, and wise men use them; For they teach not their own use; but that

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is a wisdom without them, and above them, won by observation. Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.

- (b) It should be an indispensable rule in life, to contract our desires to our present condition, and whatever may be our expectations, to live within the compass of what we actually possess. It will be time enough to enjoy an estate when it comes into our hands; but if we anticipate our good fortune, we shall lose the pleasure of it when it arrives, and many possibly never possess what we have so foolishly counted upon.

- ✓ (c) Some affect humanity and tenderness, others boast of having such dispositions from nature; but he is the only man I ever knew who seemed ashamed of his natural benevolence. He takes as much pains to hide his feelings, as any hypocrite would to conceal his indifference; but on every unguarded moment the mask drops off,

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(2)

and reveals him to the most superficial observer.

(d) In short, some are pleased to find their own age in their number, some that they have got a number which makes a pretty appearance in the cyphers, and others, because it is the same number that succeeded in the last lottery. Each of these, upon no grounds, thinks he stands fairest for the great lot, and that he is possessed of what may not be improperly called the Golden Number.

(e) But it is the talent of our age and nation to turn things of the greatest importance into ridicule. When the end of the year had verified all my predictions, out comes Mr. Partridge's Almanack, disputing the point of his death; so that I am employed, like the general who was forced to kill his enemies twice over, whom a necromancer had raised to life.

(f) This commanding creature (who was born for the destruction of all who beheld

her) put on such a resignation in her countenance, and bore the whispers of all around the court with such a pretty uneasiness, I warrant you, and then recovered herself from one eye to another, until she was perfectly confused by meeting something in all she encountered, that at last, with a murrain to her, she cast her bewitching eye upon me. <https://www.ssjuonline.com>

(g) Certainly, great persons had need to borrow other men's opinions, to think themselves happy; for if they judge by their own feeling, they cannot find it: but if they think with themselves, what other men think of them, and that other men would fain be, as they are, then they are happy, as it were by report, when perhaps they find the contrary within.

(h) The arrogance of the Doctor and the silliness of his patients were each of them ridiculous enough to have set a person of more gravity than myself, a laughing; but then to consider the tragical issue to

which these things tended, and the fatal effect so many murdering medicines might have on several of his majesty's good subjects, would have made the merriest Buffon alive serious.

**SECTION - B**  
**Long Answer type Questions**

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

- ✓ 2. Discuss Francis Bacon as an essayist
- ✓ 3. Draw a character sketch of the Man in Black in your own words.
4. Discuss the prose style of Jonathan Swift.
5. Discuss the essay "On the Whims of Lottery-Adventures" as a warning against gambling.

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