

B.A. 2nd Semester (Honours) Examination, 2022

ENGLISH

Course ID: 20311

Course Code: AH/ENG/201/C-3

British Literature: 18th Century

Time: 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.

Answer all the questions.

Unit – I

1. (a) Would you like to consider Swift as a misanthrope? Explain with reference to Book IV of *Gulliver's Travels*. **1x10=10**

Or

(b) Describe Gulliver's voyage to Laputa, its people and customs and the new marvel "The Flying Island".

2. (a) Assess Gray's 'Elegy written in a Country Churchyard' as a successful pastoral elegy. **1x10=10**

Or

(b) Discuss the theme of the Country and the City in 'London' by Dr. Johnson.

3. (a) Write an essay on the rise of periodicals in eighteenth century England. **1x10=10**

Or

(b) Discuss the contribution of the eighteenth-century transitional poets who anticipated the spirit of Romantic poetry in England.

Unit – II

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions: **5x2=10**

(a) What does Gulliver comment about colonization?

(b) Why is the owl described as "moping" in Gray's poem?

(c) How did the king of the flying island suppress rebellion?

- (d) Which place is referred to as “consecrated earth” in Dr. Johnson’s poem and why?
- (e) Who was Hannibal and what did his apparition inform Gulliver?
- (f) Comment on the word “knell” as used by Gray in the first line of the poem.
- (g) How does Gulliver characterize doctors in speaking to the dapple-gray?
- (h) Who is referred to as “illustrious” in Dr Johnson’s poem and why?
- (i) Why did Gulliver visit Glubbubdrib?
- (j) Who is referred to as the “village Hampden” in Gray’s poem and why?

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