

**2020**

**ENGLISH**

**[GENERAL]**

**Paper : IV**

**[NEW SYLLABUS]**

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

**Answer all the questions.**

1. Answer any **ten** of the following:  $2 \times 10 = 20$ 
  - a) Who made the first famous translation of Ovid's 'Metamorphoses', and in which year?
  - b) How many books are there in Spenser's 'The Faerie Queene', and what these chiefly intend to illuminate?
  - c) Who wrote 'Epithalamion'? Explain the meaning of the term.
  - d) Name the English sovereigns who ruled England during Shakespeare's time.
  - e) Name two comedies of Lyly which pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth I.

- f) Name two Dark Comedies written by Shakespeare.
  - g) What prompted Sidney to write 'An Apology for Poetry'?
  - h) What do octave and sestet mean?
  - i) Name two famous plays of Shakespeare based on English chronicles.
  - j) Who wrote 'A Woman Killed with Kindness'? What sort of play is it?
  - k) Name two famous ghosts in Shakespearean tragedies.
  - l) Who is called the 'Bard of Avon' and why?
  - m) Who wrote 'Friar Bacon and Friar Bungay' and when?
  - n) Name two comedies written by Benjamin Jonson.
  - o) Who among Shakespeare's predecessors was famous for his mighty and sonorous lines and powerful blank verse?
  - p) Name two poems written by John Donne.
2. Answer any **four** from poetry and drama, and any **four** from History of English Literature among the three sections of the following:  $5 \times 8 = 40$ 
    - a) How is the theme of love treated in Sonnet 73?

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- b) What are the poetic elements of Sonnet 73?
- c) What does the unborn child pray for in 'Prayer before Birth'?
- d) What significance does the repetition of the words "I am not yet born" have in the poem 'Prayer before Birth'?
- e) Does Frome make a strong defense for Falder in 'Justice' by John Galsworthy?
- f) Justify the title of the play 'Justice'.
- g) How does Falder want to save Ruth Honeywill?
- h) Describe the cause of death of Falder.
- i) Write a short note on Shakespeare's 'Fools'.
- j) Give an account of John Kyd's contribution to Revenge Tragedy in English.
- k) Write an account of the Elizabethan lyrics with special reference to Spencer and John Donne.
- l) Who were the University Wits? Write a short note on any one of them.
- m) Write a short note on any one of Shakespearean comedies.
- n) Write a note on any one of Benjamin Jonson's comedies.
- o) Consider Andrew Marvell as a metaphysical poet.

p) Write a short note on Elizabethan fictional prose.

3. Answer any **one** from each of the **four** sections (Poetry, Drama, Novel and History of Literature) of the following: 10×4=40

- a) Comment on the description of nature in Sonnet No. 73.
- b) How does the poem 'Prayer before Birth' reveal the plight of a modern man?
- c) Describe the importance of Mute Scene (Act III, Scene III) in 'Justice'.
- d) Write an essay on the plot of 'Justice'.
- e) Describe the characteristics of forest life mentioned in 'Under the Greenwood Tree'.
- f) Comment on the theme of 'Under the Greenwood Tree' by Thomas Hardy.
- g) Give an account of the Elizabethan Sonnet.
- h) Comment on the contribution of Bacon to the development of English Essay with reference to his important works.