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**2 SEM FYUGP MINENG2**

**2025**

**( May/June )**

**ENGLISH**

**( Minor )**

**Paper : MINENG2**

**( British Poetry and Drama : 17th to  
18th Centuries )**

**Full Marks : 60 (80 for 2023 Batch)**

**Time : 2 hours (3 hours for 2023 Batch)**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

**UNIT—I**

**1. Answer any one of the following questions : 10**

**(a) Write a note on Puritanism in England  
and its influence in literature.**

**(b) Briefly describe the Restoration period  
and its literary characteristics.**

**(c) What is 'Comedy of manners'?  
Describe.**

**2. Answer any one of the following questions : 5**

**(a) Write a brief note on the theatre in  
England in the early 17th Century.**

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- (b) How did women in the 17th Century try to gain merit to their views? Discuss.
- (c) What is an epic? Elaborate your answer.

### UNIT-II

3. Answer any one of the following questions : 10

(a) What are the epic characteristics that you find in *Paradise Lost*, Book I?

(b) Write a note on the character of Satan citing your own views.

(c) What is an epic simile? Substantiate your answer with reference to your reading of *Paradise Lost*, Book I.

4. Answer any one of the following questions : 5

(a) Write a note on the description of hell in *Paradise Lost*.

(b) Write a short note on the main theme of *Paradise Lost*.

(c) Describe Satan's first speech in *Paradise Lost*, Book I.

### UNIT-III

5. Answer any one of the following questions : 10

(a) Discuss *The Duchess of Malfi* as a revenge tragedy.

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- (b) Analyze the theme of love in *The Duchess of Malfi* by John Webster.
- (c) Write a note on the plot of *The Duchess of Malfi*.

6. Answer any one of the following questions : 5

(a) Analyze the characters of the brothers of the Duchess in *The Duchess of Malfi*.

(b) Write a note on the character of Bosola.

(c) Briefly describe the relationship of the Duchess and Antonio.

### UNIT-IV

7. Answer any one of the following questions : 10

(a) Critically examine the mock-heroic poem, *Mac Flecknoe* by John Dryden.

(b) Discuss the reasons why John Dryden wrote *Mac Flecknoe*. Was he successful in doing so? Give your own views.

(c) What are the literary devices used by John Dryden while writing *Mac Flecknoe*?

8. Answer any one of the following questions : 5

(a) Explain the title of the poem, *Mac Flecknoe*.

(b) What does Dryden mean by the following? "Shadwell alone my perfect image bears, Mature in dullness from his tender years."

(c) What objects did Mac Flecknoe hold during the coronation ceremony? Which bird is mentioned during the coronation of Mac Flecknoe? 4+1=5

**Additional 20 Marks for 2023 Batch**

**9. (a) What is Interregnum? 5**

*Or*

**(b) Write a note on the Commercial Theatre of 17th Century England.**

**10. (a) Give an account of the description of the fallen angels in *Paradise Lost*, Book I. 5**

*Or*

**(b) Name a few literary devices used by Milton in *Paradise Lost*, Book I to make it grand.**

**11. (a) Analyze the themes of guilt, death and suffering in *The Duchess of Malfi* by John Webster. 5**

*Or*

**(b) Why the Cardinal could not rise to the position of a Pope? Discuss.**

**12. (a) What were the disagreements between Shadwell and Dryden for which Dryden wrote *Mac Flecknoe*? 5**

*Or*

**(b) Name five characters in the poem, *Mac Flecknoe* mentioned by John Dryden through which he tries to compare and satirise Shadwell. Mention the characters' significance.**

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