

M.A. 1st Semester Examination, 2012

ENGLISH

PAPER—ENG-102

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

Answer all questions

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

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

1. Answer any *one* of the following within 300 words : 10 × 1
- (a) Write briefly on the structure of *Everyman*. Is the structure basically doctrinal ? Give reasons for your answer.
 - (b) Comment on the role of Priesthood in *Everyman*.
 - (c) Consider Doctor Faustus as a 'bad humanist'.
 - (d) Examine Faustus's first soliloquy as an exercise in self-justification. Do you consider his argument convincing ? Discuss.

2. Answer any *one* of the following within 300 words : 10 × 1
- (a) Critically examine the interrelationship between the mainplot and the sub-plot in *Volpone*.
 - (b) Comment on the ending of *Volpone* to point out how Jonson oversteps the limits of comedy.
 - (c) Discuss Dryden's art of plot-construction in *All for Love*.
 - (d) "Dryden's cleopatra is below Shakespeare's marvellous female" — Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
3. Answer any *one* of the following within 300 words : 10 × 1
- (a) Show how the frivolities set off the seriousness of the lovers' of quest for happiness in *The Way of the World*.
 - (b) Would you regard Mirabell as a True wit? Give reasons for your answer.
 - (c) What is your idea of a 'lyrical drama'? How far does *Prometheus Unbound* form to it?
 - (d) Discuss '*Prometheus Unbound* as a radical interpretation of an ancient myth.

4. Comment on any *two* of the following (each within 100 words) : 5 × 2

(a) (i) I know your sorrow well, Everyman,
Because with knowledge you come to me.

Or

(ii) Brighter art thou than flaming Jupiter
When he appear'd to hapless Semele,

(b) (i) The 'jig' in Act I sc ii of *Volpone*.

Or

(ii) Fool that I was, upon my eagle's wings
I bore this wren,

(c) (i) The name of Witwoud.

Or

(ii) The description of Prometheus as "a youth/
With patient looks nailed to a crucifix".
