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M.A. (English) EXAMINATION

(For Batch 2013 to 2016 only)

(First Semester)

English Literature from 1660 to 1798

Course-III

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Note : Attempt *five* questions. Question Nos. 1 and 2 are compulsory. Attempt any *three* questions from 3 to 8. All questions carry equal marks.

Section A

1. Attempt any *four* of the following in about **150** words each :

(a) Contribution of Periodical Essays in the rise of Novel.

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- (b) Counter currents in literature in the Age of Reason.
- (c) Comment on the Epigraphs to *The Way of the World*.
- (d) Analyse the 'Prologue' to *The Way of the World*.
- (e) Theme of Idleness in the Rape of the Lock.
- (f) Explain :
 "Think not, when woman's transient breath is fled,
 That all her vanities at once are dead."
- (g) Comment on this line from Tom Jones :
 "To conclude, as there are not to be found a worthier man and woman, than this fond couple, so neither can any be imagined more happy."
- (h) Comment on the significance of multiple settings in *Tom Jones*.

2. Write a critical essay on satire as a genre in the Age of Reason. Why, do you think, was it so prevalent and how did it influence other genres ?

Or

"For several decades Dr. Johnson dominated the literary life of England and rightly so." Discuss the 'Age of Johnson' with reference to the statement.

Section B

3. Discuss *The Way of the World* as an ironic commentary on contemporary society.
4. Write a critical essay on the structure of *The Way of the World*.
5. "The Rape of the Lock is an exquisitely witty and balanced burlesque displaying the literary virtuosity, the perfection of poetic judgement, and the exquisite sense of artistic propriety." Elaborate the statement by referring to the poem.
6. Write an essay on Pope's handling of varied imagery in *The Rape of the Lock*.

7. Discuss the plot construction of *Tom Jones* in the light of Coleridge's view that its plot was one of three most perfect plots ever planned.
8. "It is simply impossible to fix the genre of *Tom Jones*." Discuss the novel with reference to the statement.