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FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022 ENGLISH FENG1C01-BRITISH LITERATURE FROM CHAUCER TO THE 18TH CENTURY

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage: 30

Part A: Annotation Question. Answer any two questions. Each carries two weightage

- 1. To do ought good never will be our task, But ever to do ill our sole delight
- 2. The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
- And every fair from fair sometime declines, By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
- 4. All human things are subject to decay, And, when Fate summons, monarchs must obey

 $(2 \times 2 = 4 \text{ weightage})$

Part B: Short Essay. Answer any two questions. Each carries three weightage

- 5. What were some of Sir Roger's 'peculiarities'?
- 6. How does Faulkland's absurdity serve to satirise sentimentality?
- 7. What is a metaphysical conceit? Give examples.
- 8. Write a short note on the sources of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

$(2 \times 3 = 6 \text{ weightage})$

Part C: Long Essay. Answer any *four* questions. Each carries *five* weightage

- 9. Elaborate the ways in which Shakespeare explores the ideas of truth and deception in *Hamlet*.
- 10. How does the corruption of the Cardinal and the Duke impact the life of the Duchess?
- 11. Charles Dickens portrays London realistically in *Oliver Twist*—Argue.
- 12. Discuss *Gulliver's Travels* as a Menippean Satire.
- 13. Essays of Francis Bacon are often described as 'Counsels, Civil and Moral.' Why?

14. Discuss how Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales: General Prologue* reflects the core characteristics of English poetry.

 $(4 \times 5 = 20 \text{ weightage})$