

**U.G. 2nd Semester Examination - 2022****ENGLISH****[HONOURS]****Course Code : BENGCCHT 202****Course Title : British Poetry and  
Drama-14th to 17th Centuries**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 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.*

1. Answer any **ten** questions:  $1 \times 10 = 10$
- What is Humber as referred to by Marvel in his poem *To His Coy Mistress*?
  - What does Spenser mean by 'vaine assay' in his Sonnet no. 75 from the *Amoretti*?
  - What is meant by 'rags of time' in Donne's poem 'The Sun Rising'?
  - Who finds King Duncan's body?
  - How does Macbeth realize that the witches have tricked him?

- What, according to Touchstone, is the only 'peace maker'?
  - Which marriage of the Wife of Bath was done out of love?
  - What transformation did the Duke Junior undergo finally in *As You Like It*?
  - Name Macbeth's castle.
  - Who fled to Ireland immediately after Duncan's murder?
  - Who is Kent?
  - Where was Edward the Second murdered?
  - "'Twas I; but 'tis not I": Who says this and to whom?
  - In what context does the poet mention 'Jews' in *To His Coy Mistress*?
  - Who is Silvius in *As You Like It*?
2. Attempt any **five** of the following:  $2 \times 5 = 10$
- What does Spenser mean by 'later life renew'?
  - Explain the phrase 'Deserts of vast eternity' as used by Marvell.
  - Why is the sun called 'saucy pedantic wretch' in 'The Sun Rising'?

- d) "Base Fortune, now I see that in they wheel  
There is a point to which when men aspire  
They tumble headlong down."—Who says this  
and when?
- e) What happens to Jaques at the end of *As You  
Like It*?
- f) When does time trot hard with a young maid  
and why?
- g) "The Castle hath a pleasant seat."—Explain  
with reference to the context.
- h) In what form does the Second Apparition  
appear before Macbeth and why?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

5×2=10

- a) How is the subject of marriage and sexuality  
treated in the Wife of Bath's prologue to 'The  
Canterbury Tales'?
- b) Explain with reference to the context:  
"Out, out, brief candle!  
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player  
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage."

- c) Explain with reference to the context:  
"... for Mortimer  
And Isabel do kiss while they conspire  
And yet she bears a face of love, forsooth.  
Fie on that love that hatcheth death and hate!"

4. Answer any **one** of the following: 10×1=10

- a) Discuss critically how love is treated in the  
play *As You Like It*.
- b) Analyse *Edward the Second* as a historical  
play.
- c) Bring out the significance of the sleepwalking  
scene in *Macbeth*.

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