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H.P.A.S. (Main)—2011

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Paper I

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 150*

*Note :—* Question No. 1 is compulsory. Attempt *five* questions in all, choosing at least *one* question from Sections B and C. *All* questions carry equal marks.

**Section A**

1. What are the characteristics of the period known as the Augustan Age ? How were they reflected in the writing of that time ? 30

*Or*

Is the saying 'Character is destiny' exemplified by Shakespeare's tragic heroes ? Illustrate.

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2. The comedy of Manners was an attempt to reform a society ridden with excess. Do you agree ? Give reasons for your answer. 30

*Or*

Write a critical note on any *one* of the following with suitable examples :

- (a) Creative use of language and symbols by the Metaphysical poets
- (b) Characteristics of Romantic poetry
- (c) Symbolism in modern poetry.

### Section B

3. What do you understand by the Reformation ? How did it influence English writers ? 30

4. Write an essay on the depiction of Nature by Augustan and Romantic poets. 30
5. Dryden has been called the 'Father of English Prose'. Discuss with reference to the works you have read. 30

*Or*

- (a) Discuss Arnold's concept of poetry as criticism.
- (b) Elaborate upon the Gothic novel with suitable examples.
- (c) Comment on Chaucer's depiction of English Society.

### Section C

6. Discuss the Lyricism of John Keats. 30
7. Tennyson's poetry reflects many of the characteristics of his time. Elaborate. 30

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8. Write a note on Hardy's philosophy of life. 30

*Or*

- (a) Comment on the element of humour in the novels of Charles Dickens.
- (b) What is Wordsworth's theory of poetry ?
- (c) Write a note on the Victorian novel.