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(British Literature : 18th Century)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

UNIT—I

1. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

- (a) Write a note on the principal tenets of Enlightenment and Neo-classicism that were applied to the literature of the eighteenth century.

- (b) Enlist the factors that led to the rise of the novel in the eighteenth century.
- (c) Describe the salient features of Restoration Drama with emphasis on the works of the key playwrights of the period.
- (d) Critically analyse the significance, contribution and impact of the periodical press in the eighteenth century.
2. Write a short note on any one of the following : 5
- (a) Country and the City in eighteenth century literature
- (b) Four wheels of the novel
- (c) Coffee houses and literary clubs of the age of restoration
- (d) John Dryden as a representative poet of the age
- (e) Whigs and Tories and the political milieu

UNIT—II

3. Answer any one of the following : 10
- (a) Critically comment on Millamant's character in Congreve's play, *The Way of the World* as a representation of the roles and agency of women in restoration society.
- (b) Congreve's play offers a commentary on the use of wit, cunning, deceit and manipulation in social interactions. Elucidate.
- (c) Evaluate/Examine the relevance of *The Way of the World* to contemporary debates on gender, class and social status.
- (d) Critically discuss Congreve's portrayal of the social and cultural norms of Restoration England in *The Way of the World*.
4. Answer/Write a short note on any one of the following: 5
- (a) Comment on the significance of the title, *The Way of the World*.

- (b) Character sketch of Mirabell
- (c) Love and man-woman relationships in *The Way of the World*

UNIT—III

5. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Analyse the theme of isolation and solitude in *Robinson Crusoe* and discuss the psychological, emotional and moral effects of the protagonist's isolation.
- (b) Discuss the significance of Friday's character and examine his relationship to Crusoe in the light of Crusoe's relationships with other characters.
- (c) Critically comment on the influence of Puritanism and Protestantism on Defoe's writing with specific reference to religious ideology as the shaping influence of Crusoe's experiences.

- (d) Examine the social and economic context of *Robinson Crusoe* and show how it portrays eighteenth century England's colonial ambitions and imperial strategies.

6. Write a short answer on any one of the following : 5

- (a) Attempt a brief character sketch of Xury.
- (b) Write a note on slavery and colonialism in the novel.
- (c) How does the narrative technique of the novel contribute to its realism?

UNIT—IV

7. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Critically discuss the themes of transience and mortality in Gray's *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*.
- (b) Critically evaluate Pope's *The Rape of the Lock* as a classic mock epic in terms of theme, structure and style.

