

ENGLISH LITERATURE (OPTIONAL) PAPER - I

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

NOTE: Attempt any FIVE questions: Question No. 1 is compulsory.

- Q.1 Give reference to the context, and critically appreciate ANY TWO of the following (**this is a compulsory question**) 10+10
- (a) To me the meanest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.
 - (b) I am in my condition
A prince, Miranda; I do think a king –
I would, not so! – and would no more endure
This wooden slavery than to suffer
The flesh-fly blow my mouth.
 - (c) Freddy loves me: that makes him king enough for me. I
don't want him to work: he wasn't brought up to it as I
was. I'll go and be a teacher.
 - (d) He is all pine and I am apple orchard.
- Q.2 Greek drama represents the best of human psyche, even today. Explain with reference to your readings of any Greek play. 20
- Q.3 Despite functioning under a divine Providence, William Shakespeare's characters are allowed a freedom to live their own lives. Comment with examples from any of the Shakespeare's plays you have read. 20
- Q.4 Modern age in England was representative of fragmented human thought and broken feelings; it highlighted the social and political issues of the time. Comment with reference to your readings of ANY TWO of the following: 10+10
- (a) W.B. Yeats.
 - (b) T.S. Eliot.
 - (c) John Osborn.
- Q.5 Pick on any of the plays written by an American playwright to make a claim that in spirit American Drama deals with the struggling human will against complicated social odds that affect relationships. 20
- Q.6 Write a note on the basic features of literary Romanticism, giving examples from the poem/poems you have analyzed. 20
- Q.7 Give details and analyze poems you have read by Maya Angelou or Sylvia Plath or both. 20
- Q.8 Develop an essay of a reasonable length to highlight some of the basic elements and features of drama OR poetry. Explain with examples. 20
- Q.9 Do you like Pakistani poets writing in English? Why? Justify and give examples from the poems you have read. 20