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The question paper has 6 questions : Q. Nos. 1 to 3 carry 10 marks each while Q. Nos. 4 to 6 carry 15 marks each. All questions are compulsory.

1. (a) Identify the passage given below and critically comment with reference to the context :

'Tis great pity

He should be thus neglected. I've heard

He's very valiant. This foul melancholy

Will poison all his goodness'

Or

- (b) Write a short note on the Cardinal in Webster's

The Duchess of Malfi.

10 marks

P.T.O.

2. (a) Identify the passage given below and critically comment with reference to the context :
- 'Tis a delicate shining wench. By this hand, she's perfumed, and smells like any nosegay. --- Prithee, dear soul, let's not play the fool and lose time ---precious time. For as God shall save me, I'm as honest a fellow as breathes, though I'm a little disguised at present. Come, I say. Why, thou mayst be free with me : I'll be very secret. I'll not boast who 'twas obliged me, not I : for hang me if I know thy name.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on the significance of the street in Aphra Behn's *The Rover*. 10 marks

3. (a) Identify the passage given below and critically comment with reference to the context :

The various Off'rings of the World appear;

From each she nicely culls with curious Toil,

And decks the Goddess with the glittering Spoil.

This Casket India's glowing Gems unlocks,

And all Arabia breathes from yonder Box.

The Tortoise here and Elephant unite,

Transform'd to Combs, the speckled and the white.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on the significance of Clarissa in Pope's *The Rape of the Lock*. 10 marks
4. (a) John Webster's *The Duchess of Malfi* portrays a world of violence endemic to Jacobean England. Do you agree ? Give reasons with reference to the text.

Or

- (b) "The Duchess in Webster's play embodies a heroic resistance to the male world of money and power." Critically examine this statement with reference to the text. 15 marks

P.T.O.

5. (a) "Milton's portrayal of Satan in *Book I* of *Paradise Lost* underlines his own ambivalence towards the politics of Republicanism in the seventeenth century." Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.

Or

- (b) Critically examine Milton's use of epic similes in *Book I* of *Paradise Lost*. 15 marks

6. (a) Blunt in *The Rover* is not simply a stock country fool of Restoration Comedy. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

Or

- (b) Critically analyze how men's approach to the carnival differs from that of women in Aphra Behn's *The Rover*. 15 marks