

**BA ENGLISH**  
**SECOND SEMESTER**  
**THE RENAISSANCE AND THE JACOBEAN PERIOD (1500-1660): PROSE & POETRY**  
**BEN - 203**

(USE SEPARATE ANSWER SCRIPTS FOR OBJECTIVE & DESCRIPTIVE)

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

[ PART-A: Objective ]

Time: 20 min.

Marks: 20

*Choose the correct answer from the following:*

*1×20=20*

1. The verse form that consists of eight iambic pentameter lines following by a ninth line of six iambic feet is called \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Ottava Rima
  - b. Spenserian Stanza
  - c. Quatrain
  - d. Curtal Sonnet
2. Shakespeare's sonnets were first published by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Henry Wriothesley
  - b. Thomas Thorpe
  - c. Thomas Wyatt
  - d. Sir William Harvey
3. "The Garden" by Andrew Marvell may be best described as a \_\_\_\_\_ poem.
  - a. Love
  - b. Romantic
  - c. Pastoral
  - d. Procreation
4. One short sleep past,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
And death shall be no more;  
Death, thou shall die
  - a. And soul's delivery
  - b. We wake eternally
  - c. Which but thy pictures be
  - d. And sickness dwell
5. The Shakespearean Sonnet was first introduced in England by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Thomas Wyatt
  - b. William Shakespeare
  - c. Edmund Spenser
  - d. The Earl of Surrey
6. The Faerie Queene by Edmund Spenser has a total of \_\_\_\_\_ books.
  - a. 3
  - b. 4
  - c. 6
  - d. 12
7. Who is the queen of Fairy Land?
  - a. Duessa
  - b. Elizabeth
  - c. Edmundina
  - d. Gloriana
8. The Red Cross Knight is a representative of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Bravery
  - b. Holiness
  - c. Cowardice
  - d. Temptation
9. To whom does Milton pray for inspiration?
  - a. God
  - b. King
  - c. Muse
  - d. Pandemonium

10. How long was the fall of the angels?
  - a. 9 days and 9 nights
  - b. A week
  - c. A fortnight
  - d. None of the above
11. Who is Beelzebub?
  - a. An Angel
  - b. A Doctor
  - c. Satan's lieutenant
  - d. God's Messenger
12. What is Man's first disobedience?
  - a. Eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge
  - b. Disobedience of the 10 commandments
  - c. Choosing labor over leisure
  - d. Choosing parenthood
13. Who said, "What though the field be lost, All is not Lost".
  - a. Muse
  - b. God
  - c. Moses
  - d. Satan
14. To which human emotion does Bacon compare Envy?
  - a. Hatred
  - b. Jealousy
  - c. Love
  - d. Anger
15. What color is the light in Hell?
  - a. White
  - b. Yellow
  - c. Red
  - d. Blue
16. Sidney wrote *An Apology for Poetry* as a reply to Stephen Gosson's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The School of Abuse
  - b. A School for Abuse
  - c. The School for Abuse
  - d. None of these
17. Sir Philip Sidney says, "Poetry is an art of imitation". He gets this idea from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Horace
  - b. Aristotle
  - c. Longinus
  - d. Plato
18. Where was Machiavelli born?
  - a. Spain
  - b. France
  - c. Italy
  - d. Germany
19. Which of the following is the best means of becoming a prince?
  - a. Constitution
  - b. Fortune
  - c. Crime
  - d. Prowess
20. Which of the following rulers is not an example of a ruler who triumphed on the strength of his own powers?
  - a. Theseus
  - b. Moses
  - c. Cyrus
  - d. Gower

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**( Part-B : Descriptive )**

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks : 50

[ Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest ]

1. Why does Sidney compare the works of philosophers and historians to that of poets in *An Apology for Poetry*? Explain 10
2. Critically comment on Chapter 6 of *The Prince* by Machiavelli. 10
3. Shakespeare's sonnets provide a different perspective and insight into Shakespeare that his plays do not. Do you agree? Critically elaborate. 1+9=10
4. a) What is a metaphysical conceit?  
b) Elaborate on this concept with reference to the two poems by John Donne in your course. 3+7=10
5. a) Give a critical summary of the essay "Of Truth" by Francis Bacon.  
b) What idea of his style do you get from the essay? 7+3=10
6. a) What kind of people is more commonly envied?  
b) Give a detailed description from your reading of the essay "Of Envy" by Francis Bacon. 4+6=10
7. Attempt a critical analysis of the character of Satan from your reading of *Paradise Lost* Book I. 10
8. Critically analyse the following excerpt with reference to the whole poem. 10

"Such was that happy garden-state,  
While man there walk'd without a mate;  
After a place so pure and sweet,  
What other help could yet be meet!  
But 't was beyond a mortal's share  
To wander solitary there:  
Two paradises 't were in one  
To live in Paradise alone."

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