2016

**ENGLISH** 

[Honours]

PAPER - III

Full Marks: 90

Time: 4 hours

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable

## [NEW SYLLABUS]

## GROUP - A

- 1. Answer any one of the following questions:  $8 \times 1$ 
  - (a) Comment on the rise of the middle class in eighteenth century England.

(b) Briefly discuss the influence of the Restoration of monarchy on English literature.

## GROUP - B

- 2. Answer any *one* of the following questions:  $12 \times 1$ 
  - (a) Comment on Sheridan's art of characterization in *The Rivals*.
  - (b) Find out the elements of the comedy of manners in Sheridan's *The Rivals*.
  - (c) Discuss Dryden's All for Love as a heroic play.
  - (d) Analyze and comment on the relationship between Antony and Cleopatra in All for Love.
- 3. Answer any one of the following questions:  $8 \times 1$ 
  - (a) Comment on the style of Addison's prose with reference to 'Sir Roger at Home".
  - (b) Comment on Steele's description of Sir Andrew Freeport in his essay "The Spectator Club".

- 4. Answer any one of the following questions:  $12 \times 1$ 
  - (a) Does Gulliver change as the novel progresses? Justify your answer.
  - (b) How does Swift use language and style for the purpose of satire in Gulliver's Travels?
  - (c) Comment on Behn's use of the epistolary mode of narration in *Oroonoko*.
  - (d) Do you find Behn's portrayal of the Surinam natives as ideologically motivated in *Oroonoko*? Give reason for your answer.
- 5. Answer any one of the following questions:  $8 \times 1$ 
  - (a) How does the female narrative voice operate in *Oroonoko*?
  - (b) What is the allegorical significance of the floating island of Laputa in Gulliver's Travels?

## GROUP - C

- 6. Answer any one of the following questions:  $12 \times 1$ 
  - (a) Critically examine Milton's use of epic devices in *Paradise Lost*, Bk I.
  - (b) Comment on Pope's make-heroic treatment of his subject in The Rape of the Lock.
  - 7. Answer any one of the following questions:  $12 \times 1$ 
    - (a) What does the phrase 'carpe diem' mean, and how does it apply to Marvell's "To his Coy Mistress"?
    - (b) Discuss the elegiac features of Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard".
  - 8. Answer any one of the following questions:  $8 \times 1$ 
    - (a) Discuss Milton's portrayal of the creation of Pandemonium in Paradise Lost, Bk I.
    - (b) Comment on Pope's use of the supernatural machinery in his poem The Rape of the Lock.

- (c) Briefly comment on Herbert's concept of innoncence as evinced in "The Retreat".
- 9. Answer any two of the following questions:  $5 \times 2$ 
  - (a) Briefly comment on the portrayal of Faulkland in *The Rivals*.
  - (b) Briefly comment on the ending of All for Love.
  - (c) Comment on Captain Absolute's assumption of a new identity in *The Rivals*.
  - (d) Describe after Milton the character of the fallen angel Moloch in *Paradise Lost*, Bk I.
  - (e) Comment on Pope's portrayal of Belinda's toilet.
  - (f) What does the poet mean by "shady city of palm trees"?