

**M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2011**

**ENGLISH**

PAPER — 2101

*Full Marks : 40*

*Time : 2 hours*

**Answer all questions**

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks  
Candidates are required to give their answers in their  
own words as far as practicable*

1. Answer within 300 words : 10

(a) Write a brief essay on the Aristotelian tragic hero.

*Or*

(b) Discuss the principal sources of true sublime.

*Or*

(c) Comment on Horace's idea of decorum.

2. Answer within 300 words : 10

How, according to Sidney, is poetry superior to philosophy ?

*Or*

Comment on the dialogic structure of Dryden's *An Essay of Dramatic Poesy*.

3. Answer within 300 words : 10

"Humble and rustic life was generally chosen."  
How does Wordsworth justify this choice ?

*Or*

Write a note on the distinction that Coleridge makes between Primary and Secondary Imagination.

*Or*

"In poetry I have a few axiom, ..." Analyse and comment on the 'axioms' that Keats speaks about.

4. Comment on any *two* of the following : 5 x 2

- (i) Aristotle's idea of 'magnitude' of the action in a tragedy.
  - (ii) Longinus's observation that grandeur is more important than persuasion.
  - (iii) Dryden's definition of a play.
  - (iv) The points of similarity and difference, according to Wordsworth, between a poet and a man of science.
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