B.M.S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, AUTONOMOUS
BENGALURU – 560004
SEMESTER END EXAMINATION – MARCH/APRIL-2023

B.A in Optional English – III Semester

PAPER I- BRITISH LITERATURE UP TO 1800 PART 1

(NEP Scheme 2021-22 onwards)

Course Code: ENG3DSC05   **QP Code: 3011**
Duration: 2 ½ Hours   **Max. Marks: 60**
Instructions: Answer all the questions.

PART-A

I. A) Answer **any one** of the following   **(5X2=10)**

    a. Describe the characteristics of Medieval age?

                or

    Write a note on Metaphysical poetry.

    b. Alexander Pope

            or

    Aphra Behn

PART-B (Poetry Selections)

II. A) Answer **any one** of the following   **(1X10=10)**

    a. "So long lives this, and this gives life to you". How does the poet think that, this will give life to 'thee' in *Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer Day*?

    b. How does the poet present ideas of love in '*Lover's Infiniteness*'?

    c. *A Poison Tree* is an exploration of the corrupting effects of anger. Explain.

   B) Write a short note on **any one** of the following   **(1X5=5)**

    a. Spirituality in *On His Blindness.*

    b. Metaphor in the poem *A Poison Tree.*

c. The tone in *Lover's Infiniteness*.

PART-C (Essay Selections)

III. A). Answer **any one** of the following   **1X10=10**

   a) Addison's essay has been regarded as a reflection of the social, religious and political life of the 18th century England. Elaborate.

   b) Goldsmith mentions the man as the 'Man in Black' because the man seems black outside but white and noble inside. Discuss.

   B). Write a short note on **any one** of the following   (**1X5=5**)

   a. Sir Roger as a good Churchman.

   b. Characteristics of the man in *The Man in Black*.

PART-D (Drama)

IV. A). Answer **any one** of the following   (**1X10=10**)

   a. The portrayal of Shylock's character generates sympathy in the readers at the end of the play *The Merchant of Venice*. Elaborate.

   b. The women in *The Merchant of Venice* defy traditional gender roles. Discuss.

   B). Write a short note on **any two** of the following   (**2X5=10**)

   a. Shylock's terms for the Loan

   b. Portia disguised as a law clerk

   c. Antonio

   d. The three caskets

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