

Jadavpur University  
BA EXAMINATION, 2025  
Second Year Second Semester (Supplementary)  
Department of English  
The Beginnings of Public Discourse

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 30

Answer *any three* questions. All questions carry equal marks

1. Can Andrew Marvell's "Bermudas" be considered a critique of early colonialism? Discuss with close reference to the poem.  
Or  
Examine Henry Vaughan's poem "The World" as a spiritual allegory.
2. How far is it appropriate to see Clarissa as Alexander Pope's moral mouthpiece in "The Rape of the Lock"? Discuss with close reference to the text.  
Or  
How does John Dryden modify his Biblical sources to suit his political agenda in *Absalom and Achitophel*?
3. Discuss in detail the idea of spiritual love as presented in Richard Crashaw's poem "A Hymn to...St. Teresa".
4. What are the ways in which seventeenth-century women poets challenge the conventions of Petrarchan love poetry? Answer with reference to the poems of *either* Katherine Phillips or Anne Finch.
5. Discuss John Gay's representation of London's criminal subculture in *The Beggar's Opera*.
6. Critically examine Joseph Addison's representation of Sir Roger in *The Coverley Papers*.

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