

BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2019

Second Year Fourth Semester

ENGLISH (HONOURS)

Literature of the English Revolution

Time: 2 hours:

Full marks: 30

Answer any three questions. Questions carry equal marks.

1. What were the causes of the outbreak of the Civil War in 1642? Should one in assessing the question, distinguish between “triggers” and “causes”?
2. Write an essay on the Puritan movement in the Elizabethan period.
3. What was the New Model Army? Comment on its importance in the English Civil Wars.
4. Is “To Penshurst” at the bottom an exercise in flattery? Give reasons for your answer.
5. What marks of distinction do you think the “Cavalier” poets demonstrate in their writing? Discuss with reference to the poems that you have studied.
6. Comment on Vaughan’s treatment of nature in the poems that you have read.
7. How is the character of Cromwell assessed in the “Horatian Ode”? Discuss.
8. “‘Upon Appleton House’ utterly transforms the form and content of 17th century country-house poem.” Do you agree? Discuss.

Or,

9. Critically consider the complex uses of landscape in “Upon Appleton House”.
10. Critically comment on Katherine Philips’s poems on the death of her son.
11. Discuss the view that Milton’s sonnets open up hitherto unexplored spaces in the history of the English sonnet.