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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2016

EL 2501/EL 2500 – BRITISH LITERATURE (1150-1950)

Date: 21-04-2016

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00-04:00

I. Interpret the following passages in about 50 words.

(10x2=20 marks)

1. How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use!
2. Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.
3. Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard
Are sweeter; therefore, ye soft pipes, play on;
4. "Beauty is truth, truth beauty,—that is all
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.
5. They also serve who only stand and waite.
6. Truth is a naked and open day-light, that doth not show the masks and mummeries and triumphs of
the world, half so stately and daintily as candle-lights.
7. "I have lived, indeed, in the world, madam; but I have kept little company.
I have been but an observer upon life, madam, while others were enjoying it."
8. Ask me no questions, and I'll tell you no fibs
9. "He that loves pleasure must for pleasure fall."
10. "Cut is the branch that might have grown full straight,
And burnèd is Apollo's laurel-bough,
That sometime grew within this learnèd man."

**II. Answer any five of the following in about 150 words each choosing not more than three from
either part.**

(5x8=40 marks)

PART – A

11. Describe the pastoral scenes depicted on the Grecian urn.
12. Bring out the significance of the title, "She stoops to conquer."
13. How does Ulysses feel after he returns to his kingdom?
14. How is the west wind both a preserver and a destroyer?

PART – B

15. Why is the essay, "Dream Children" named "a reverie"?
16. What does Bacon mean from "passeth through the mind" in the essay "Of Truth"?
17. What are the main themes that have been explored by Christopher Marlowe in his play Dr. faustus.
18. How is "She stoops to conquer" a comedy of manners?

III. Answer the following in about 300 words each.

(2x20=40 marks)

19. a) How did Dr. Faustus's over ambitious attitude bring about his downfall?

(OR)

b) Bring out the style of Bacon with reference to the prescribed essays.

20. a) How does Jane Austen mirror the 19th century England life in her novel, "Pride and Prejudice?"

(OR)

b) Bring out the characteristics of absurd drama in Becketts,"Waiting for Godot?"

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