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English — Core

BRITISH LITERATURE — I

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. What is the main theme of Alexander Pope's "On Solitude"?
 - (a) The beauty of nature
 - (b) The benefits of living in solitude
 - (c) The excitement of city life
 - (d) The importance of friendship

6. What is the name of the servant who frequently engages in comic misunderstandings and mischief in the play?
 - (a) Fag
 - (b) Lucy Locket
 - (c) David
 - (d) Thomas
7. In what language is the incantation written that Faustus uses to summon Mephistopheles?
 - (a) Latin
 - (b) Greek
 - (c) Hebrew
 - (d) Aramaic
8. Who serves as Faustus's servant and assistant in "Doctor Faustus"?
 - (a) Wagner
 - (b) Valdes
 - (c) Lucifer
 - (d) Mephistopheles
9. Which theme is central to *White Teeth* regarding identity and cultural heritage?
 - (a) Assimilation
 - (b) Colonialism
 - (c) Multiculturalism
 - (d) Globalization
10. What does Archie do for a living in *White Teeth*?
 - (a) Taxi driver
 - (b) Dentist
 - (c) School teacher
 - (d) Lawyer

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2. In "A Red, Red Rose," what does the speaker promise to do for his love?
 - (a) Forget about her
 - (b) Always remember her
 - (c) Write her a letter
 - (d) Buy her a gift
3. What literary device does Goldsmith primarily use to evoke mood and atmosphere in "A City Night Piece"?
 - (a) Simile
 - (b) Metaphor
 - (c) Personification
 - (d) Alliteration
4. Who is primarily responsible for bringing humor and warmth to the narrative in "The Spectator Club"?
 - (a) Sir Roger de Coverley
 - (b) Mr. Spectator
 - (c) Joseph Addison
 - (d) Richard Steele
5. What is the name of the character who challenges Captain Jack Absolute to a duel over a supposed romantic affront?
 - (a) Sir Lucius O'Trigger
 - (b) Acres
 - (c) Faulkland
 - (d) Sir Anthony Absolute

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PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, by choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) How does the speaker in "A Red, Red Rose" by Robert Burns connect their love with elements of nature?

Or

(b) What does Keats' exploration of the themes of beauty and permanence entail in "Ode on a Grecian Urn"?
12. (a) How does Addison use humor and satire to discuss household superstitions in his essays?

Or

(b) Describe the style of writing used by Charles Lamb in "A Dissertation Upon Roast Pig."
13. (a) Explain how social life is shown in *The Rivals* by Sheridan, focusing on how people interact, social rules, and differences in class.

Or

(b) Discuss the similarities and differences in the character traits of Captain Jack Absolute and Sir Lucius O'Trigger.

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14. (a) Discuss the role of Mephistopheles in *Doctor Faustus* and his influence on Faustus actions.

Or

- (b) Explain the theme of sin and redemption in *Doctor Faustus*.

15. (a) Discover the significance of generational conflicts and the immigrant experience in shaping the characters' identities and worldviews in Zadie Smith's *White Teeth*.

Or

- (b) Identify how generational conflicts and the immigrant experience intersect with themes of race and culture in *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, by choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) How does the speaker in Rudyard Kipling's poem "If" highlight the significance of maintaining humility in the face of both success and failure?

Or

- (b) Trace how the Grecian urn serves as a source of inspiration for the speaker in the poem "Ode on a Grecian Urn."

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17. (a) Explain the similarities and differences between the urban landscapes depicted in "A City Night Piece."

Or

- (b) Discuss the effectiveness of Addison's critique of superstitions in promoting rationality and skepticism within domestic settings.

18. (a) Identify the reasons why Captain Absolute assumed the fake identity of Ensign Beverley.

Or

- (b) Discuss how Mrs. Malaprop serves as a source of humor in *The Rivals*.

19. (a) Evaluate the theme of knowledge in "Doctor Faustus" and its consequences for Faustus.

Or

- (b) Examine how the theme of fate versus free will plays out in "Doctor Faustus".

20. (a) Assess how Zadie Smith employs humor and satire to address serious social issues in *White Teeth*.

Or

- (b) Comment on how Zadie Smith uses the character of Archie Jones to explore themes of identity and belonging in *White Teeth*.

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