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HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE I

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HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE I

Objectives:

To help learners aware of the literary history of the texts from the Age of Chaucer to Dryden

To make learners understand the rise and fall of literary movements and their relationships to socio-political and socio-religious events

Unit- I

Chapters II&III

: The Age of Chaucer

Unit- II

Chapters IV &V

: Development of Drama

Unit – III

Chapters VI, VII&VIII

: The Age of Shakespeare

Unit – IV

Chapters IX &X

: The Age of Milton

Unit – V

Chapters XI&XII

: The Age of Dryden

Textbook:

Hudson W. H. *An Outline History of English Literature*. Noida: Maples Press, 2011.

UNIT - I

CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. In which century did Norman Conquest take place?
 - a. 10th century
 - b. 11th century
 - c. 12th century
 - d. 13th century
2. "Beowulf" is the most important Anglo – Saxon literary work. it is;
 - a. an epic
 - b. ballads
 - c. sonnet
 - d. romance
3. The hundred years' war began in the-----
 - a. 12th century
 - b. 13th century
 - c. 15th century
 - d. 14th century
4. Between which set of dates did Chaucer live?
 - a. 1340-1400
 - b. 1345- 1400
 - c. 1349 -1400
 - d. 1350- 1400
5. Chaucer lived during the reigns of;
 - a. Edward III and Richard II
 - b. Richard II and Henry IV
 - c. Henry IV and Edward
 - d. Edward III and Richard II and Henry IV
6. Who of the following was the closest contemporary of Chaucer?
 - a. John Gower
 - b. William Langland
 - c. Wycliffe
 - d. John Milton
7. How many pilgrims in "Chaucer's Canterbury tales" are going on the pilgrimage?
 - a. 27
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
8. What is the name of the Inn where the pilgrims assemble for the night?
 - a. Tabard Inn
 - b. St. Becket Inn
 - c. Southwerk Inn
 - d. White well Inn

9. 'The legend of good women' was written by Chaucer during his-----
- French period
 - Italian period
 - English period
 - medieval period
10. In which month did Chaucer's pilgrims go on their pilgrimage?
- January
 - march
 - April
 - may

SHORT QUESTIONS

1. Write a Brief note on Anglo –saxon or old English literature.
2. Give a short note on Caedmon.
3. Write a brief note on Cyne –wulf.
4. What was the contribution of King Alfred to Anglo –saxon literature?
5. How was England during Chaucer's time?
6. What are the works written by Chaucer during his French period?
7. Write a brief note on Chaucer's Troilus and Criseyde.
8. Who are the pilgrims described in the prologue to the Canterbury tales?
9. What is the suggestion of the host of the Tabard Inn?
10. Give a short account of the 'Knight's tale'.

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. How was English history before the Norman conquest and during the Anglo-saxon period? Describe.
2. Write a note on Beowulf.
3. Give an account of Caedmon and Cynewulf's contribution to literature.
4. Write a paragraph on Chaucer's life.
5. Submit a brief account on the main events in the age of Chaucer.
6. Write an account of Chaucer's work during his French period.
7. Give an account of Chaucer's work during his Italian period.
8. Write a brief account of Chaucer's work during his third period.
9. Give an account of Chaucer's humour.
10. Write a note on Chaucer's use of satire and irony in the 'prologue'.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Write an account of English literature before Chaucer.
2. Give an account of Chaucer's life and his works.
3. Write an essay on the three periods of Chaucer's poetic career.
4. What are the salient features of Chaucer's "Canterbury tales"?
5. Write an essay on Chaucer's greatness as poet.
6. Why is Chaucer called 'the father of English poetry'?

7. Write an essay on Chaucer 's' prologue to the Canterbury tales".
8. What was the expedition to Canterbury? Describe.
9. Who are the pilgrims picturized by Chaucer in his prologue to the Canterbury tales? Describe.
10. Write an essay on Chaucer's faults.

UNIT-II
CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. Who wrote the poem the governail of princes?
 - a. a.Johnlydgate
 - b. b.thomes Occleve
 - c. c.williamDumbar
 - d. d.williamcaxtom
2. Who was the first printer in English language?
 - a. a.WilliamDumbar
 - b. b.WilliamCoxtom
 - c. c.thomes more
 - d. d.thomas Occleve
3. Tennyson's poem _____ is largely based on "morte D Arthur".
 - a. a.'Inmemorium'
 - b. b.'Idylls of the king'
 - c. c.'Ulysses'
 - d. d.Tyndale
4. Who after wycliff , translated the bible?
 - a. a.tyndale
 - b. b.covertale
 - c. c.both a and b
 - d. d.none of the above
5. Utopia was translated in to English in the year_____
 - a. 1651
 - b. 1561
 - c. 1581
 - d. 1551
6. Who introduced blank verse for the first time in English poetry?
 - a. Wyat
 - b. Surrey
 - c. spencer
 - d. chaucer
7. Which form of poetry was introduced by wyalt?
 - a. Ode
 - b. Ballad
 - c. sonnet
 - d. Interludes
8. The play "everyman" is one of the finest examples of _____
 - a. Morality play

- b. Miracle plays
 - c. Interludes
 - d. Tragedy
9. The subtitle 'the ferrex and porrex' is given to the tragedy_____
- a. Hamlet
 - b. The white dory
 - c. The Duchess of Mali
 - d. Gorboduc
10. "Ralph roister poister" is the first English comedy written by_____
- a. Roger Ascham
 - b. David Lindsey
 - c. Nicholas Udall
 - d. Thomas Norton

SHORT QUESTIONS

1. Write a short note on the 15th century poetry.
2. What was influence of the revival of learning on the development of literature?
3. Give an account of the Christian literature of the early renaissance in England.
4. Write a short note on Thomas More's 'utopia'.
5. Give a brief account of Wyatt and Surrey.
6. Where was the English drama staged in the beginning?
7. Write a brief account of miracle play.
8. What are "morality" plays?
9. Give an account of the different "cycles" and their themes.
10. What is an "interlude"?

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. Give a brief account of the development of the English drama to 1561.
2. What are the mysteries/ miracle plays? Explain.
3. Write a brief account of an morality plays.
4. Write a note on the poetry of the 15th century.
5. Give a brief account of the prose of the 15th century.
6. Write a paragraph on the literature of the early renaissance in England.
7. Write a short on the beginning of regular comedy and tragedy in England.
8. Write a brief account on the 1st sonneteers Wyatt and Surrey.
9. Write a paragraph on "interlude".
10. Write an account of the Scottish Chaucerian's

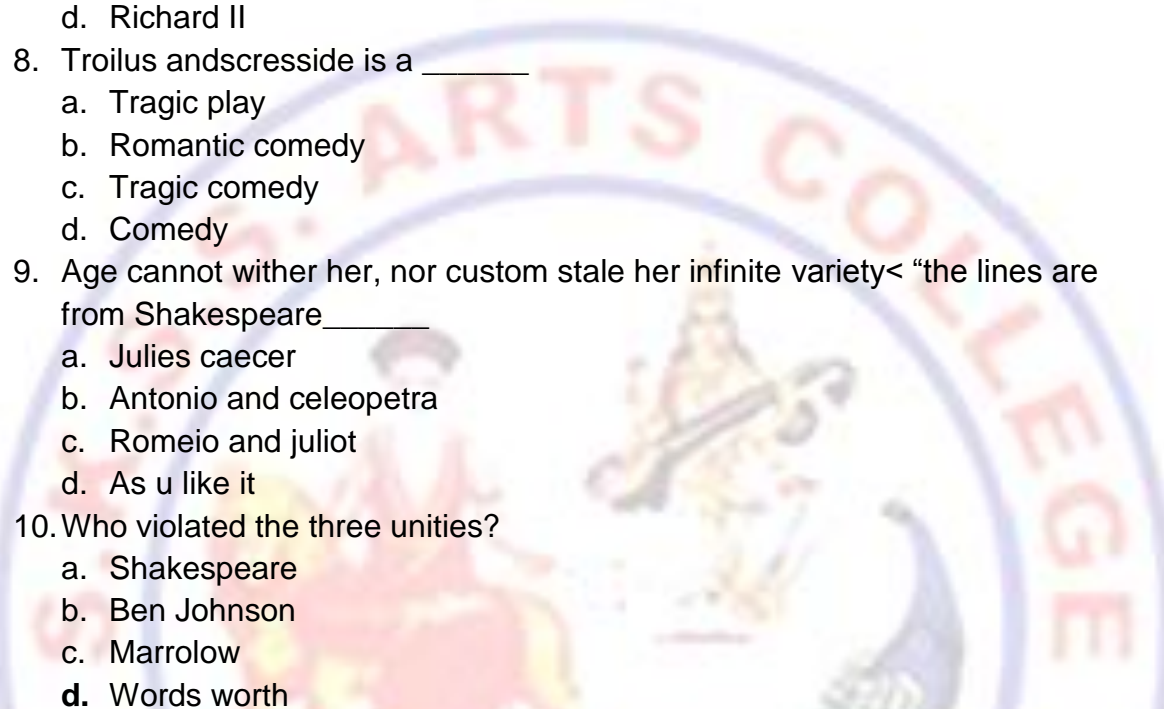
ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Write a detailed account of poetry and prose of the 15th century.
2. Write an essay on the development of the English drama.
3. Write an account on "miracle" and "mysteries" plays .
4. Write an essay on morality plays and interludes.
5. Write a detailed account of the regular comedy and tragedy – comedy.
6. Write an essay on the beginning of the English drama.
7. Write an essay on the first sonneteers Wyatt and Surrey.
8. Write an account on the literature of the early renaissance in England
9. Write an essay on the influence of the revival of learning on the development of literature.
10. Write a detailed account of the Christian literature of the early renaissance in England.

UNIT III

CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. Spenser's shepherde's calendar is a/an _____
 - a. Ballad
 - b. Elegy
 - c. Pastoral
 - d. Sonnet
2. Spenser's the faery queen consist of _____
 - a. Ten
 - b. Twelve
 - c. Fourteen
 - d. Sixteen
3. A Spenserian stanza contains _____
 - a. Two lines
 - b. Seven lines
 - c. Nine lines
 - d. Ten lines
4. From whom Shakespeare borrowed the conception of romantic tragedy.
 - a. Robert Green
 - b. John Lyly
 - c. George Peele
 - d. Thomas Kyd
5. The first regular English tragedy Nemedgorboduc was written in _____
 - a. 1551
 - b. 1571
 - c. 1651
 - d. 1561
6. Shakespeare's As you like it' belongs to _____ period

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- a. First
 - b. Second
 - c. Third
 - d. Fourth
7. _____ play of Shakespeare was completed by his contemporary Fletcher.
- a. Richard III
 - b. Henry v
 - c. Hendry VIII
 - d. Richard II
8. Troilus and Cressida is a _____
- a. Tragic play
 - b. Romantic comedy
 - c. Tragic comedy
 - d. Comedy
9. Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety < “the lines are from Shakespeare _____
- a. Julius Caesar
 - b. Antonio and Cleopatra
 - c. Romeo and Juliet
 - d. As you like it
10. Who violated the three unities?
- a. Shakespeare
 - b. Ben Jonson
 - c. Marlowe
 - d. Wordsworth

Answer : (1-c, 2-b, 3-c, 4-b, 5-d, 6-b, 7-c, 8-b, 9-b, 10-a)

SHORT QUESTIONS

1. Who is called the poet's poet? Why?
2. What are the major works of Spenser?
3. Write a short note on Spenser's poetry?
4. What are the principles of the classic drama?
5. Who are Shakespeare's predecessors?
6. Write a short note on Lyly?
7. Give a brief account of Thomas Kyd
8. Name the play written by the Marlow.
9. How many plays did Shakespeare write during his last period? What are they?
10. Write a short note of Ben Jonson and his works.

PARAGRAPHS QUESTIONS

1. Write an account on the works of Edmond Spenser.
2. Give an account of the Elizabethan drama.
3. Write a paragraph on Spenser's "the FairyQueen" as a romantic epic.
4. Give a brief sketch of the 'university wits'.
5. Narrate the briefly the role of woman in Shakespeare's comedies
6. Write a brief note on Shakespeare's tragic plays.
7. What is tragic flaw? Explain.
8. Write a paragraph on the concept of Shakespearean tragedy.
9. Why bacons essay are called dispersed meditations? Explain briefly.
10. Write an account of Bacon's style.

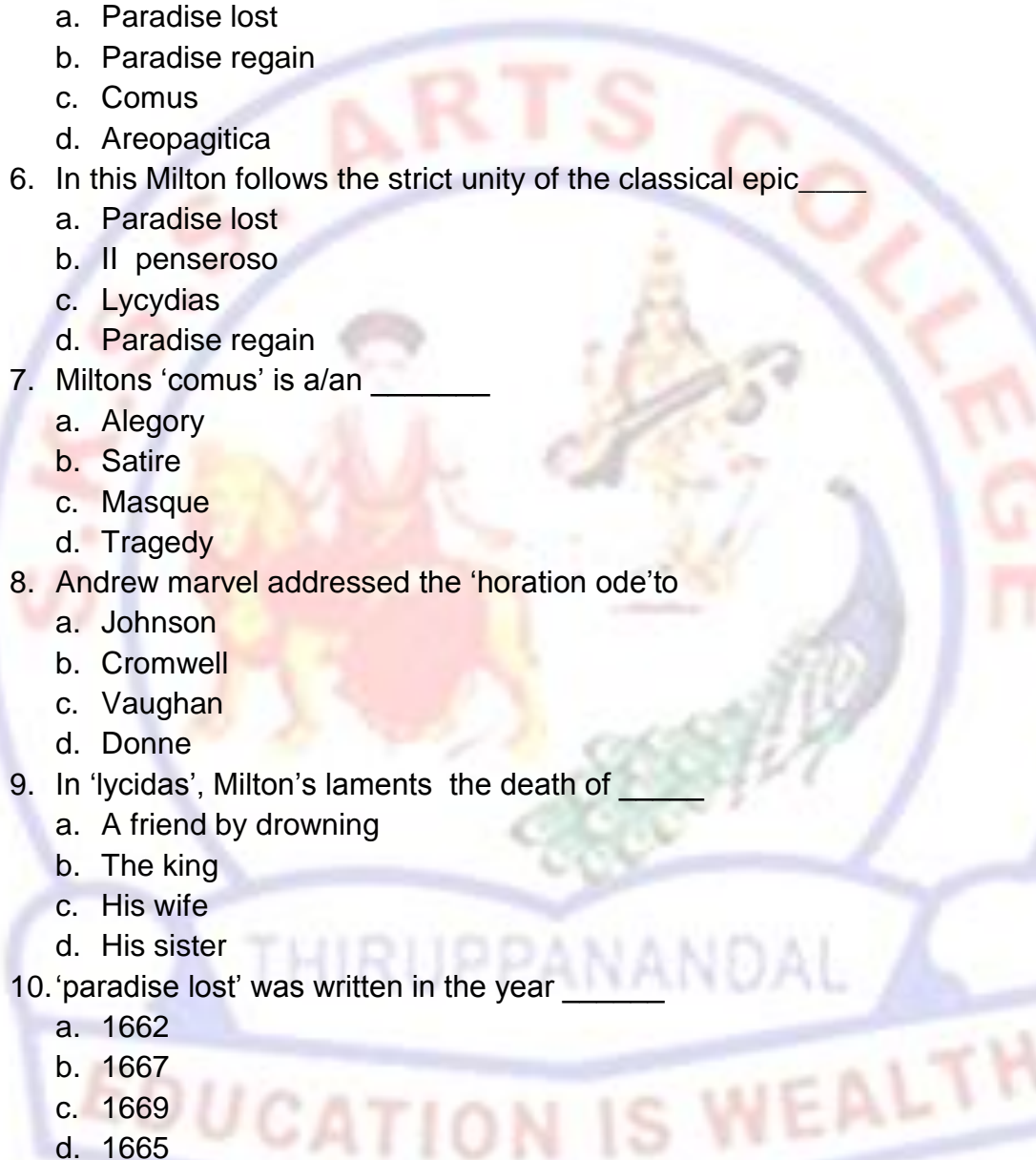
ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Give a detailed account of Spenser's contribution to the development of English poetry.
2. Who were Shakespeare's predecessors? What was the contribution to the development of British drama?
3. Discuss Marlow's contribution to English drama.
4. Write an essay on the life and works of Shakespeare.
5. "Shakespearean tragedy presents a struggle of good and evil in the world", discuss.
6. Write an essay on Shakespeare's treatment of history.
7. Discuss the characteristic of Shakespearean comedy.
8. "Shakespeare was not of an age, but of all ages" discuss.
9. Discuss Ben Johnson's theory and practice of the comedy of humours.
10. Trace Bacon's contributions to the development of English prose.

UNIT – IV

CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. Who felt proud of calling them self "sons of ben"?
 - a. Cavalier poet
 - b. Puritan poet
 - c. Metaphysical poet
 - d. Non - puritan poet
2. The term 'metaphysical' is invented by _____.
 - a. Donne
 - b. Dryden
 - c. Ben Johnson
 - d. Milton
3. The king's followers were called _____.
 - a. Caroline
 - b. Cavaliers

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- c. Purition
d. Tories
4. Milton wanted to 'justify the ways of god to man' in the work_____
- a. Comes
b. L'Allegro
c. Paradise lost
d. Paradise regain
5. Milton's speech for the liberty of unlicensed writing there in his work_____
- a. Paradise lost
b. Paradise regain
c. Comus
d. Areopagitica
6. In this Milton follows the strict unity of the classical epic_____
- a. Paradise lost
b. Il penseroso
c. Lycydias
d. Paradise regain
7. Miltons 'comus' is a/an _____
- a. Alegory
b. Satire
c. Masque
d. Tragedy
8. Andrew marvel addressed the 'horation ode'to
- a. Johnson
b. Cromwell
c. Vaughan
d. Donne
9. In 'lycidas', Milton's laments the death of _____
- a. A friend by drowning
b. The king
c. His wife
d. His sister
10. 'paradise lost' was written in the year _____
- a. 1662
b. 1667
c. 1669
d. 1665

Answer: (1-a, 2-b, 3-b, 4-c, 5-b, 6-a, 7-c, 8-b, 9-a, 10-c)

SHORT QUESTIONS

11. write a short account of Milton's life
12. What are the works written by Milton during the Horton period?
13. Give a brief account of Milton's later poetry.
14. Write a note on Milton's prose works.

15. What is an epic poem 'paradise loss' about.
16. Write a short note on George Herbert.
17. Who are 'Caroline' poets?
18. Give a brief account of Henry Vaughan.
19. Who is the founder of metaphysical poetry?
20. Write a short note on Abraham Crowley.

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. Write an account of Milton's poetry.
2. Give an account of Milton's Paradise lost.
3. Outline the characteristic of Milton's poetry.
4. Write a paragraph of the Caroline poets.
5. Write an account on metaphysical poetry.
6. What are the chief characteristics of metaphysical poetry?
7. Write short note on Milton's grand style.
8. Write a paragraph on John Donne.
9. Give an account of Milton's elegy Lucida.
10. Write a short note on Sir Thomas Browne / Religion Medici.

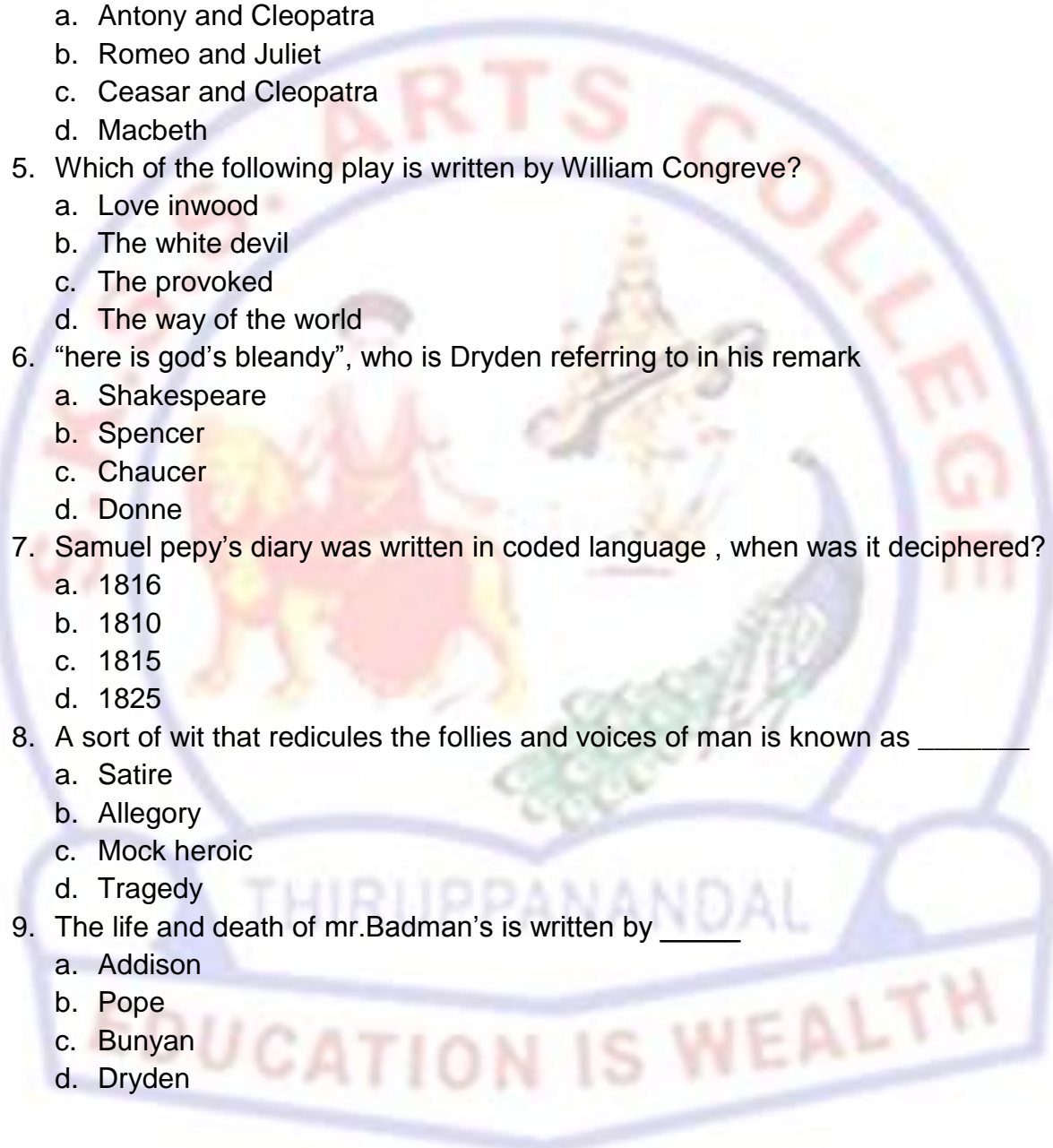
ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Describe the age of Milton and the puritan age.
2. Write an essay on the works of John Milton.
3. Give an estimate of Milton as an epic poet with reference to "Paradise Lost".
4. Write an essay on the greatness of Milton as a poet.
5. Give an account of the Caroline poet of the early 17th century.
6. Enumerate the chief characteristics of metaphysical poetry.
7. Evaluate Donne's contribution to the metaphysical poetry.
8. Write an essay on Milton's poetry.
9. Write an account of John Donne's poetry.
10. Give a detailed note on Milton's grand style.

UNIT – V

CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. The age of restoration is so called because one of the following was restored the English throne _____.
 - a. Charles I
 - b. Charles II
 - c. James I
 - d. James II
2. "the restoration marks the real moment of birth of our modern English prose" who makes this observation?
 - a. Dryden
 - b. Dr. Johnson

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- c. Arnold
d. Donne
3. Identify the author of 'Hudibras'
- a. Samuel buteler
b. Johndenham
c. Abraham cowley
d. John Milton
4. Dryden's 'all for love' is based on _____
- a. Antony and Cleopatra
b. Romeo and Juliet
c. Ceasar and Cleopatra
d. Macbeth
5. Which of the following play is written by William Congreve?
- a. Love inwood
b. The white devil
c. The provoked
d. The way of the world
6. "here is god's bleandy", who is Dryden referring to in his remark
- a. Shakespeare
b. Spencer
c. Chaucer
d. Donne
7. Samuel pepy's diary was written in coded language , when was it deciphered?
- a. 1816
b. 1810
c. 1815
d. 1825
8. A sort of wit that redicules the follies and voices of man is known as _____
- a. Satire
b. Allegory
c. Mock heroic
d. Tragedy
9. The life and death of mr.Badman's is written by _____
- a. Addison
b. Pope
c. Bunyan
d. Dryden
10. Who is taking about whom in the statement "he found English brick and left it marle"?
- a. Milton about spencer
b. Pope about Dryden
c. Dr. Johnson About Dryden
d. Spencer about pope

Answer (1-b,2-c, 3-a, 4-a, 5-b, 6-c, 7-d, 8-a, 9-c, 10-c)

Short questions

1. Write a brief note of the social background of the age of Dryden.
2. Who are the forerunners of Dryden?
3. Write a note on Dryden's Absalom and Acidophil.
4. Give a short account of Butler's Hudibra's
5. What were the causes for the rise of Modern prose?
6. Write a brief note on Dryden's prose work.
7. What does Dryden say about drama in this Essay of Dramatic poesy?
8. Write a short note on Dryden's prose style.
9. Give an account t of Bunyan's " the pilgrim's progress"
10. Write a note on Heroic couplet.

Paragraphs questions

1. Write a brief account of the age of Dryden Restoration Age.
2. Give an account of the works of Dryden.
3. Assess Dryden's contribution to the Restoration Tragedy.
4. Write on account on Dryden's "All for love"
5. Write an account on restoration comedy.
6. Write an account of Dryden's prose / criticism 'essays an dramatic posy'.
7. 'The restoration marks the beginning of the Morden prose' explain.
8. Write an account on comedy of manners.
9. Write an essay on Bunyan and his prose works.
10. Write a detailed note on the theological poem written by Dryden.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Write an essay of the age of Dryden.
2. Write a detaied essay of the restoration period.
3. Give a detailed account of dryden's life and his works.
4. Write an essay of Dryden's poetry bringingout its merits and faults.
5. Discuss the characteristics of the Restoration comedy.
6. Explain comedy of manners and the comedy play wrights of the restoration period .
7. Write an essay on other prose writers of Dryden Age.
8. Write an essay of Dryden 's prose.
9. Give a detailed note on 'Essays on dramatic poesy'.
10. Explain "the restoration marks the beginning of modern prose".