

BA Hons Part I

English

Paper II Elizabethan Age & Metaphysicals

Short questions:

1. What is the main theme of the poem 'Collar'?
2. What does the word 'Collar' symbolize?
3. Who is 'rich Lord' in 'Redemption'?
4. What does the speaker plan to do in the poem 'Redemption'?
5. Where does the tenant find his Lord?
6. What Christian morality is presented in the poem 'Virtue'?
7. What do rose and roots signify in the poem 'Virtue'?
8. Why does Henry Vaughan long to travel back?
9. What does the poet mean by 'black art' in the poem Retreat?
10. How is garden presented by Marvell?
11. Why does Marvell praise nature?
12. What is the main idea of the poem 'To his Coy Mistress'.
13. What does Marvell mean by 'vegetable love'?
14. How is Time presented in the poem?

15. Who are Polonius and Laertes?
16. According to the ghost, how did Hamlet's father really die?
17. What happened between the late king of Norway and the late king of Denmark?
18. Who is young Fortinbras?
20. How does Ophelia die?
21. Why, according to Polonius, has Hamlet gone mad?
22. What do the King and Polonius decide about Hamlet's condition after eaves dropping on Hamlet and Ophelia?
23. Why does Hamlet give instructions to the players?
24. Why doesn't Hamlet kill the King when the King is kneeling?
25. Frailty thy name is woman" What does that mean?
26. What does Claudius ask Rosencrantz and Guildenstern to do?
27. Who is Piers Gaveston?
28. Why is Gaveston exiled?
29. What happens to Bishop of Coventry?
30. What complaint do Lancaster and Mortimer make against Edward when they decide to "speak their minds"?
31. In the play "Edward II" how does Marlowe arrange the King's death on stage?
32. Who is Queen Isabella?
33. Why is Olivia unwilling to receive any visitors?
34. How does Viola come to be at Orsino's court?
35. How does Viola disguise herself?
36. Why does Sir Andrew try to fight with Sebastian?
37. What does the forged letter make Malvolio believe?
38. What is "Twelfth Night"?

39. What is Malvolio's ultimate goal?
40. How do Antonio and Orsino feel about each other?
41. Why is the poem Epithalamion composed?
42. Who are Muses?
43. Who is hymen?
44. How is the bride described by Spenser?
45. According to Donne what who has 'black soule'?
46. Why Donne says that death should not be proud?
47. What does Donne calls as 'plays last scene'?
48. What does Spenser complain about the day?
49. What does he request to night?
50. What is the function of nymphs in Epithalamion?
51. How does Spenser describe the beauty of his bride?

Essay type questions

1. Discuss John Donne as a metaphysical poet.
2. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem 'Death be not proud'
3. Analyze Herbert as a metaphysical poet.
4. Critically appreciate the poem 'The Collar'
5. Explain the theme of the poem 'Redemption'
6. Discuss the main idea of the poem 'The Retreat'
7. Evaluate Vaughan as a metaphysical poet citing examples from his poems.
8. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem 'To His Coy Mistress'
9. Discuss the major themes in Vaughan's poetry
10. Elaborate on Marvell as a metaphysical poet.
11. Comment on the plot of Shakespeare's play Hamlet
12. Discuss Shakespeare's Hamlet as a tragedy.
13. Comment on the theme of revenge in the play
14. Attempt a character sketch of Hamlet.
15. Discuss the main theme of the play Edward II.
16. What role do the Greek allusions play in the text.
17. Discuss Marlowe's Edward II as a historical play
18. Attempt a character sketch of Queen Isabella.
19. Write a note on Marlowe's use of blank verse in Edward II.
20. Discuss Viola's use of disguise in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night
21. Discuss the play Twelfth Night as a romantic comedy.
22. Elaborate on the comic subplots of the play Twelfth Night and relate them to the central plot.
23. Critically Appreciate the poem Epithalamion
24. How does Edmund Spenser celebrate his wedding in the poem Epithalamion.
25. Discuss the theme of the poem Epithalamion.