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Question Paper

B.A. Honours Examination 2022

(Under CBCS Pattern)
Semester - II
Subject: ENGLISH

Paper: C 3 - T

18th Century British Literature: Fiction and Non-fiction

Full Marks: 60 Time: 3 Hours

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Attempt any *five* out of the following questions:

 $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) What accounts for Lady Wishfort's dislike of Mirabell?
- (b) Who reveals Mirabell's plot to Millamant and why?
- (c) Who are the Struldbruggs in Swift's Gulliver's Travels (Book 3)?
- (d) What is the peculiarity of the people in the island of Laputa?
- (e) Who was Sir Roger de Coverley?
- (f) What is 'communion table' in Addison's "Sir Roger at Church"?
- (g) Where was Shandy when the story began?
- (h) What does the word 'Gentleman' signify in the title of Sterne's novel?

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2. Answer any *four* of the following:

- $5 \times 4 = 20$
- (a) Comment on the significance of the epilogue to *The Way of the World*.
- (b) Comment on the gulling of Lady Wishfort.
- (c) What is the significance of Gulliver's visit to the Academy of Lagado in Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*? (Gulliver's Travels Book III)
- (d) How does Swift present the Yahoos in Gulliver's Travels (Book IV)?
- (e) What is the importance of Sunday as a holiday in Addison's 'Sir Roger at Church'?
- (f) Write a short note on Sterne's art of 'digressions' in Tristram Shandy.
- 3. Attempt any *three* out of the following questions:

 $10 \times 3 = 30$

- (a) Discuss how Congreve's *The Way of the World* ridicules the assumptions of the society of his times.
- (b) Comment on the significance of the love relationship between Mirabell and Millamant in *The Way of the World*.
- (c) 'The Fourth Book of *Gulliver's Travels* is an evidence of Swift's misanthropy.' Do you agree? Justify.
- (d) Bring out the salient features of Addison's prose style with reference to "Sir Roger at Church".
- (e) Consider Tristram Shandy as an early example of a psychological fiction.