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ENGLISH

Paper : ENG-1016

(English Literary and Cultural History)

Full Marks : 80

Time : Three hours

***The figures in the margin indicate
full marks for the questions.***

- I. Answer ***any four*** of the following questions :
15×4=60
1. What aspects of socio-cultural life would you associate with the term 'Medieval'? Discuss the representation of some of these aspects in the English literature produced during the period.
 2. Elaborate on some of the salient features of the humanist culture in England during the 15th and 16th centuries showing your acquaintance with the work of some important English humanists.

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3. What impact did the Scientific Revolution of the 17th century have on the social and cultural life of England during the period? How did English literature of the period especially the poetry of the Metaphysicals mirror the changes in outlook ushered in by the Scientific Revolution?
4. Discuss how the voyages of exploration and discovery begun during the Renaissance led to the emergence of England as an imperial power in the 19th and 20th centuries with attendant issues like slavery, colonization, and England's relationship with other peoples around the world.
5. How would you situate literary studies in the globalized world we live in? Elaborate with reference to issues such as identity, representation, digitization, and the experience of migration, illustrating your answer with examples from literacy texts wherever possible.
6. What do you understand by the term 'the women question'? What new issues pertaining to women have emerged in the late 20th and 21st centuries and how have writers responded to these issues?

II. Write briefly on **any two** of the following topics : 10×2=20

- (a) Town life during the Medieval period
 - (b) Decolonization and literature
 - (c) Social Darwinism
 - (d) Life and literature in the 21st century
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