

**UG-631**

**BEG-1**

**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – JUNE 2006.**

**First Year**

**(For AY 2003–04 and CY 2004 Students only)**

**English**

**THE ELIZABETHAN AGE**

**Time : 3 hours**

**Maximum marks : 75**

1. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 30 words each : (5 × 3 = 15)

(a) Whenever the Romans were in a political problem or danger, they used to consult only these books of Sibylla.

(i) Bring out the importance of these books.

(ii) What does the story of Tarquin teach us?

(b) They barter away the interests of the state for their own advantage.

(i) Explain the meaning of barter?

(ii) How is a selfish man manipulate the welfare of the state?

(c) A civil war, indeed, is like the heat of a fever : but a foreign war is like the heat of exercise, and serveth to keep the body in health :

(i) What is the relevance of civil war in maintaining the individual health?

(ii) Do wars necessary for the glory and honour of a kingdom?

(d) If you make it too familiar, it will work no extraordinary effect when sickness cometh.

(i) What is referred to by 'it' in this context?

(ii) How far physic is important in curing diseases?

(c) But you shall shine more bright in these contents

Than unswept stone, besmear'd with sluttish time.

(i) Does the poet address a lady or a friend?

(ii) How can the mortal body cross the barrier of time?

(f) The shepherd-swains shall dance and sing  
For thy delight each May morning :

(i) Why is the shepherd addressed as swains?

(ii) Can these pleasures move the beloved's mind towards the lover?

(g) When that I think what grief it is again  
To live and lack the thing should rid my pain.

(i) What is the cause behind his pain?

(ii) Can he get rid of his grief?

(h) These shepherds and these nymphs do know,  
Thy Sylvia is as chaste as fair.

(i) Explain the reference related to Sylvia.

(ii) What do the shepherds and nymphs

know?

(i) A sound magician is a mighty god :

(i) Can the magician be equated to God?

(ii) Do you accept the statement?

(j) Was this the face that launched a thousand  
ships,

And burnt the topless towers of Ilium?

Sweet Helen, make me immortal with a kiss.

(i) Who is Helen?

(ii) What did prompt the speaker to say so?

2. Write short notes on any TWO of the following in  
about 100 words each : (2 × 5 = 10)

(a) What is Bacon's advice on danger due to  
delay?

(b) John Donne's "Batter My Heart".

(c) Similes and metaphors in *The Book of Job*.

(d) *Dr. Faustus* as a morality play.

3. Write on any THREE of the following in about  
200 words each : (3 × 10 = 30)

(a) Show from some Bacon's essays that he is a  
keen observer of life.

Or

(b) Discuss any three of Bacon's essays to bring  
out the salient features of Bacon as an essayist.

(c) How does Shakespeare immortalize the  
beauty of his friend?

Or

(d) Comment on the major themes of the  
prescribed poems of Wyatt and Surrey.

(e) Consider Faustus as a tragic hero.

Or

(f) Explain how *Every Man in His Humour*  
illustrates Johnson's theory of comedy.

4. Write any TWO essays in about 200 words each :  
(2 × 10 = 20)

(a) 'Bacon's essays are merely intellectual exercises; his heart is not in them'. Do you agree with such a criticism?

(b) Bring out the Renaissance element present in the Elizabethan poetry.

(c) Dr. Faustus rises above any other of Marlowe's plays in that it is soul's tragedy – Discuss.

(d) Comment on the characterization of *Every Man in His Humour*.