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HXE 300 – ELIZABETHAN LITERATURE

Duration : 3 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of TWO pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

Answer any FOUR questions. Answer TWO questions from Section A and TWO questions from Section B.

Section A

1. To what extent is George Herbert's 'The Quip' and 'The Collar' a battle waged between rebellion and obedience?

[100 marks]

2. Discuss, with examples, Andrew Marvell's use of conceit in 'The Definition of Love' and 'To His Coy Mistress'.

[100 marks]

3. Compare and contrast John Donne's treatment of the theme of love in 'The Anniversary' and 'Love's Alchemy'.

[100 marks]

Section B

4. Christopher Marlowe's *Dr. Faustus* (1588) epitomizes an individual's desire to transcend the limitations of ordinary human beings by rising to greater heights.

Discuss why this motivation causes the downfall of Dr. Faustus?

[100 marks]

5. To what extent does Ben Jonson explore the theme of perversity and deceptiveness of lust in *Volpone* (1606)?

[100 marks]

6. William Shakespeare in *Henry IV Part 1* (1592) offers a brilliant double perspective of honour through the characters of Hotspur and Falstaff.

Discuss.

[100 marks]