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**HXE 300 – Elizabethan Literature**

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

Answer **FOUR** questions only. Answer **TWO** questions in Section A and **TWO** questions in Section B.

**Section A**

Answer any **TWO** questions.

1. EITHER

- [a] *As You Like It* mirrors aptly the political and social climate of modern day society. Discuss.

[100 marks]

OR

- [b] To what extent is the saying "Blood is thicker than water" an apt phrase to describe the actions and behaviour of the characters in *As You Like It*? Discuss.

[100 marks]

2. EITHER

- [a] Is the death of *Romeo and Juliet* an act of suicide and hence evidence of their immaturity, instability and lack of spiritual strength or of supreme, unselfless love? Discuss.

[100 marks]

OR

- [b] Discuss the role of fate in the lives of Romeo and Juliet.

[100 marks]

## Section B

Answer any **TWO** questions.

3. EITHER

- [a] Analyze Donne's attitude toward the relationship of love in both its pleasant and unpleasant aspects.

[100 marks]

OR

- [b] Discuss George Herbert's sensitivity to the theme of spiritual conflict and religious endeavors in his poems.

[100 marks]

4. EITHER

- [a] It is suggested that Andrew Marvell's emotion in his poems is controlled and critically explored. To what extent would you agree with this statement?

[100 marks]

OR

- [b] "Metaphysical poets use the technique of comparing one thing to another with unusual intelligence, wit and emotion." Discuss this with reference to any two metaphysical poets.

[100 marks]