10. (a) Analyse in brief the relevance of Newton's "A Letter of Sir Isaac Newton" to students of literature. 4

Or

(b) According to Bacon, what are the three main benefits of study, and what danger can result from each benefit? 4

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The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

(Answer all questions)

UNIT-I

1. (a) Make a critical assessment of John Donne's treatment of the theme of love with special references to the poems prescribed for you. 10

Or

(b) Write a critical analysis of Andrew Marvell's poem "The Garden". 10

2. (a) Briefly discuss the symbolism in the title of George Herbert's "The Pulley" 4

Or

(b) Choose an instance of paradox in one of Donne's

poems prescribed in the Syllabus, and show how he puts two different ideas together to make a point or explain an idea. 4

UNIT-II

3. (a) Do you agree with the view that Milton was "of the Devil's party without knowing it"? Give a reasoned answer based on the representation of Satan in Paradise Lost Book I. 10

Or

(b) Attempt a critical note on Mac Flecknoe as a mock-heroic poem, with special emphasis on the portrayal of the character of Shadwell. 10

4. (a) Briefly comment on the suitability of the title Paradise Lost. 4

Or

(b) Write a brief note on why Shadwell is compared to an oak tree and why is he called the prophet of tautology. 4

UNIT-III

5. (a) Critically examine the use of animal imagery in the portrayal of characters in Ben Jonson's Volpone. 10

Or

(b) Critically comment on Congreve's depiction of female characters in The Way of the World and their status in that society. 10

6. (a) Comment briefly on the significance of the role played by Celia in Ben Jonson's Volpone. 4

Or

(b) Attempt a brief critical appraisal of the Proviso scene in The Way of the World. 4

UNIT-IV

7. (a) Critically examine Behn's treatment of slavery in Oroonoko. 10

Or

(b) Discuss the importance of The Diary to a historian. 10

8. (a) Write a short note on the role played by Byam in Oroonoko. 4

Or

(b) Write a short note on the key signs of plague that Pepys documented in his "Diary". 4

UNIT-V

9. (a) Analyse Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress as a religious Allegory. 10

Or

(b) Discuss John Milton's humanism as reflected in Areopagitica. 10

(Turn Over)