

MA ENGLISH  
First Semester  
ENGLISH FICTION I: BEHN TO SHELLEY  
(MEN - 105)

Duration: 3Hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Part-A (Objective) =20  
Part-B (Descriptive) =50

(PART-B: Descriptive)

Duration: 2 hrs. 40 mins.

Marks: 50

Answer any *four* from *Question no. 2 to 8*  
*Question no. 1 is compulsory.*

1. Describe the theme of slavery and racism as portrayed in *Oroonoko*, and also explain Aphra Behn's stand on the issue of slavery. (10)
2. Draw the character sketch of Oroonoko. What aspects of his character make him a tragic hero? (6+4=10)
3. What factors led to the rise and popularity of the novel in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century? Who were known as the masters of the novel? (6+4=10)
4. What are the themes and symbols in *Robinson Crusoe*? (5+5=10)
5. Discuss *Joseph Andrews* as a study of the society and times. How does Fielding tackle issues of morality and values in his text? (6+4=10)
6. The opening sentence of *Pride and Prejudice*—"It is a truth universally acknowledged....."—establishes the centrality of a fundamental British social value. Discuss the statement with reference to Austen's narrative style. (4+6=10)
7. Discuss the importance of social class in *Pride and Prejudice*. Giving special attention to Wickham, Charlotte Lucas, and Elizabeth, compare and contrast male and female attitudes toward marriage in the novel. (4+6=10)
8. Discuss the themes, tone, motifs and symbols in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. (6+4=10)

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**(PART A - Objective Type)**

**I. Write true or false:**

**1×6=6**

- a) A sense of deep disquiet was felt everywhere in the literary culture of the early 17<sup>th</sup> century.
- b) Coramantien is known as Jamaica today.
- c) Aphra Behn is known as the foremother of British women writers.
- d) Robinson Crusoe stayed in his island for 21 years.
- e) The writer of *Robinson Crusoe* is Henry Fielding.
- f) Daniel Defoe's real name was Daniel Foe.

**II. Fill in the blanks:**

**1×9=9**

- a) Crusoe's father advised him to be content with the..... of life.
- b) The narrator of *Robinson Crusoe* is.....
- c) Jane Austen's original title for the novel *Pride and Prejudice* was.....
- d) Mr. Bingley and his guests go to a ball in the nearby town of .....
- e) "She is tolerable, but not.....enough to tempt me."
- f) A woman of.....understanding, little information, and .....temper.
- g) The name *Gothic* refers to the (pseudo)-medieval buildings, emulating Gothic.....
- h) Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* was published in.....

i) *Frankenstein; or, The Modern.....* is a novel written by English author Mary Shelley.

III. Match the following with the novels that they appear in:

1×5=5

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| a) <i>Oroonoko</i>                | Fanny   |
| b) <i>Robinson Crusoe</i>         | Clemene |
| c) <i>Joseph Andrews</i>          | Xury    |
| d) <i>Frankenstein</i>            | Wickham |
| write) <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> | Victor  |

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