

The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati  
Royal School of Languages  
MA English 1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
Semester End Examination, December 2018  
Course Title: English Drama-Marlowe to Webster (Repeat)

Course Code: ENG104103

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Note: Attempt all questions as per instructions given.  
The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

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Section – A

Q.1. Answer all questions: (Maximum word limit 50)

8 x 2 = 16

- Who is being referred to by 'he' in "Now is he born of parents base of stock"? Explain the line in detail.
- Who bites out his/her tongue in *The Spanish Tragedy* and why?
- Explain the tragic flaw in *Hamlet*.
- Ben Jonson preceded/ succeeded Shakespeare as a dramatist. Explain.
- Jonson's *Every Man in His Humour* is a representation of the English society. Elaborate.
- What is Kitley's 'humour' in *Every Man in His Humour*? How does it contribute to the story?
- How did Vittoria die?
- Why did Cornelia become mad?

Section- B

Q 2. a) Elaborate the theme(s) of Marlowe's *Doctor Faustus* and also discuss the role of the chorus. 12

OR

(b) What is revenge tragedy? Analyse Kyd's *The Spanish Tragedy* as a revenge tragedy.

Q 3. a) "Let four captains/Bear Hamlet, like a soldier, to the stage". Fortinbras' final epitaph to Hamlet gives Hamlet a soldier's funeral. Explain. 12

OR

(b) The paradox of Hamlet's nature draws people to the character. Shakespeare modified Aristotle's definition for his own age and created a tragic hero. Discuss Hamlet as a tragic hero.

Q4. (a) How did Jonson appropriate the idea of humour in *Every Man in His Humour*? 12

OR

(b) "Ben Jonson was an epoch making playwright in the history of British drama."  
Justify the statement with arguments based on your understanding of *Every Man in His Humour*.

Q5. (a) Discuss the character of Vittoria Corombona in *The White Devil*. 10

OR

(b) Discuss *The White Devil* as a revenge tragedy.

### Section - C

Q6. Discuss the growth of drama from Medieval Age to Jacobean Age. 8