The Muse but serv'd to ease some friend, not wife,

To help me through this long disease, my life,

To second, Arbuthnot! thy art and care, And teach the being you preserv'd, to bear.

Section B

Note: Attempt any *two* questions. $15 \times 2 = 30$

- 2. Write a detailed note on the blending of Mock Epic, Ironic touch and Fantasy in John Dryden's *Mac Flecknoe*?
- **3.** Comment on Pope's "Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot" as a typical example of Augustan satire.
- **4.** In "A Modest Proposal" why should Swift choose to have it be an American who first introduced the speaker to baby-eating? What stereotypes might we be seeing here about 18th century Americans?

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Paper III

Literature in English (1660-1750)

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 80

Note: Attempt *all* questions.

Section A

- 1. Explain with reference to the context any *three* of the following: $8\times3=24$
 - (a) Let Cully, Cockwood, Fopling, charm the pit,

And in their folly show the writer's wit.

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Yet still thy fools shall stand in thy defence,

And justify their author's want of sense.

Let'em be all by thy own model made

Of dullness, and desire no foreign aid:

That they to future ages may be known,

Not copies drawn, but issue of thy own.

Nay let thy men of wit too be the same,

All full of thee, and differing but in name;

(b) Infant's flesh will be in season throughout the year, but more plentiful in March, and a little before and after, for we are told by a grave author, an eminent French physician, that fish being a prolifick dyet, there are more children born in Roman Catholick countries about nine months after Lent, than at any other season; therefore, reckoning a year after Lent, the markets will be more glutted than usual, because the number of Popish infants, is at least three to one in this kingdom, and therefore it will have one other collateral advantage, by lessening the number of Papists among us.

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- (c) Many other advantages might be enumerated. For instance, the addition of some thousand carcasses in our exportation of barrel'd beef: the propagation of swine's flesh, and improvement in the art of making good bacon, so much wanted among us by the great destruction of pigs, too frequent at our tables; which are no way comparable in taste or magnificence to a well grown, fat yearling child, which roasted whole will make a considerable figure at a Lord Mayor's feast, or any other publick entertainment. But this, and many others, I omit, being studious of brevity.
- (d) Why did I write? What sin to me unknown

Dipp'd me in ink, my parents', or my own?

As yet a child, nor yet a fool to fame,

I lisp'd in numbers, for the numbers came.

I left no calling for this idle trade,

No duty broke, no father disobey'd.

Section C

Note: Attempt any *two* questions. $13 \times 2 = 26$

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