

Or

4. How does the character Will Honeycomb represent eighteenth-century society ?

Section C

5. (a) Write a short notes any *two* of the following in about **400** words each :
- (i) Thomas Shadwell
 - (ii) Thomas Gray
 - (iii) Oliver Goldsmith. **2×6½=13**
- (b) Write a short notes any *three* of the following in about **200** words each :
- (i) Daniel Defoe—*Robinson Crusoe*
 - (ii) William Congreve—*The Way of the World*
 - (iii) Henry Fielding—*Tom Jones*
 - (iv) Samuel Butler—*Hudibras*. **5×3=15**



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Paper IV

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 : **8×3=24**
- (a) Wounded myself in the early part of my life by the envenomed tongue of slander
I confess I have since known no pleasure equal to the reducing others to the level of my own injured reputation.

- (b) I'll not debate how far scandal may be allowable; but in a man, I am sure, it is contemptible. We have pride, envy, rivalry, and a thousand emotives to depreciate each other, but the male slanderer must have the cowardice of a woman before he can traduce one.
- (c) It has been said in the praise of some men, that they could talk whole hours together upon anything; but it must be owned to the honor of the other sex, that there are many among them who can talk whole hours together upon nothing. I have known a woman branch out into a long extempore dissertation upon the edging of a petticoat, and chide her servant for breaking a china cup in all the figures of rhetoric.
- (d) Will Wimble's is the case of many a younger brother of a great family, who had rather see children starve like gentlemen than thrive in a trade or profession that is beneath their quality.

This humour fills several parts of Europe with pride and beggary. It is the happiness of a trading nation, like ours, that the younger sons, though incapable of any liberal art or profession, may be placed such a way of life as may perhaps enable them to vie with the best of their family. Accordingly, we find several citizens that were launched into the world with narrow fortunes, rising by an honest industry to greater estates than those of their elder brothers.

Section B

Note : Attempt any *two* questions. **14×2=28**

2. Discuss the values and societal reflections presented in Sheridan's "The School for Scandal".

Or

3. What social aspects did Joseph Addison explore in his periodical essays ?