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Literature

The Restoration Period (1660-1700)

- Called the Age of Dryden
- Reestablishment of Monarchy
- Main spirit of the age is Satire
- Heroic Couplet takes over the Blank Verse

John Dryden (1631-1702)

- Father of English Criticism
 - He was the Representative Poet of Neo Classical Period
 - He first used the term Metaphysical Poetry
 - First officially Laureate Poet of England (other Laureate Poets – Wordsworth, Thomas Gray, Lord Tennyson)
- [Tips – Words gulo Dry o Gray hoye Tension]
- ‘Glorious John’ – Walter Scott
 - Dryden criticized Shakespeare’s The Tempest as naming ‘The Enchanted Island’

Works: Tragedy –

1. All for Love
2. The Indian Emperor

Criticism: An Essay on Dramatic Poesy

Satire:

1. Absalom and Achitophel
2. Mac Flecknoe
3. The Enchanted Island

Comedy: An Evening Love**Play:**

1. The Art of Satire
2. The Indian Queen

3. The Secret Love
4. The Mistaken Husband
5. Preface to Fables

Quotes:

- o 'None but the brave deserves the fair.'
- o 'But far more numerous was the herd of such,/ Who think too little, and who talk too much.'
- o 'We first make our habit, and then our habits make us.'
- o 'Beware of the fury of a patient man.'
- o 'Jealousy is the proof of love.'

***Tips to Remember** : Indian Emperor Mac Absolutely Dramatic Pose diye bollen All for Love kobul!

John Dryden Question
Solution to Previous Years' Questions

'All for Love' is a – [স্থানীয় সরকার বিভাগের জনস্বাস্থ্য ও প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তরের এস্টিমেটর: ১৮]

- a. poem
- b. drama
- c. short story
- d. novel

Ans-b

2. What was Dryden's father?? [Sonali Bank Junior officer: 10]

- a. a teacher
- b. a doctor
- c. a village rector
- d. a poet

Ans-c

3. Who wrote the play 'All for love'? [মহাহিসাব নিরীক্ষক ও নিয়ন্ত্রকের কার্যালয়ের অধীনে জুনিয়র অডিটর ০৩]

- a. John Bunyan
- b. John Dryden
- c. John Milton
- d. John Donne

Ans-b

4. Who was known as the "Father of Modern English criticism"? [সম্ভাব্য প্রশ্ন]

- a. William Congreve
- b. Alexander Pope
- c. Edmund Walter
- d. John Dryden

Ans-d

William Congreve (1670-1721)

- Bachelor Poet
- Famous for Comedy of Manners
- He was friend of Pope & Swift.

Works: Comedy:

1. Love for Love
2. The Old Bachelor
3. The Way of the World (most famous & masterpiece in 1700)

Characters- Mirable, Milamant, Fainal, Wishfort

4. The Double Dealer
5. The Mourning Bride (Tragedy)

Tips to Remember: Old Bachelor ra Love for Love pay na, etai Way of the World!!

John Bunyan

Works: Allegorical Prose

1. The Pilgrim Progress (A Christian wants to have unlimited life)
2. The Holy War

Samuel Butler

- Famous Poet and Satirist
- Hubdras - A Mock Heroic Narrative Poem.

The Augustan Period (1700-1745)

- Writers followed the writing stream of writers of the age of Italian emperor Augustus, on what named the Age.
- The Age of Pope
- Starting of Modern Novel writing

Alexander Pope (1688-1744)

- Mock Heroic Poet / Mock Epic Poet
- Famous for Heroic Couplet and Satirical Verse
- After William Shakespeare, Pope's Quotes are in action.

Works:

1. The Rape of the Lock
 - A Mock Heroic Poem with 794 lines
- Characters: Baron, Belinda, Ariel
- o 'A little learning is a dangerous thing.'
 - o 'Fools rush where angels fear to tread.'
 - o 'To err is human, to forgive is divine.'
 - o 'Charms strike the sight but merit strikes the heart.'
2. An Essay on Man (poem) [Theme- To Vindicate the way of God to Man]
 3. An Essay on Criticism (poem) [but the Essay in Criticism by Mathew Arnold]
 4. The Dunciad (poem)

T2R:: She Lock er Rape koray, Essay num e kobita likhay, Duniyar epic ke Mock kore !!

****Remember::**

Paradise Lost – John Milton – To Justify the ways of God to man

An Essay on Man – A. Pope - To vindicate the way of God to Man

Alexander Pope Previous Years' Questions

1. 'The Rape of the Lock' by Alexander Pope is a / an -[৪০তম বিসিএস])
 - a. epic
 - b. ballad
 - c. mock-heroic poem

d. elegy

Ans-c

2. Who is not a Victorian poet? [৩৮তম বিসিএস]

- a. Mathew Arnold
- b. Alexander Pope
- c. Robert Browning
- d. Alfred Tennyson

Ans-b

3. Poet Alexander's famous work- তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীনে সহকারী পরিচালক (গ্লোড-২) ০৩]

- a. Rape of the Lock
- b. Spectator
- c. The Deserted Village
- d. Man was made of mourn

Ans: a

4. Who was the famous mock-heroic poet in English literature? [সাব রেজিস্ট্রার :৯২]

- a. Lord Byron
- b. John Milton
- c. Alexander Pope
- d. Lord Tennyson

Ans- c

5. Alexander Pope's "An Essay on Man" is a- [গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী]

- a. Novel
- b. Treatise
- c. Short Story
- d. Poem

Ans-d

6. "To err is human. To forgive is divine". Here the word 'divine' means- বেগম রোকেয়া বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (এ-ইউনিট) : ১২-১৩]

- a. devilish
- b. godlike
- c. childlike
- d. foolish

Ans-b

7. How many lines does 'The Rape of the Lock' have?-- [গৃহায়ণ ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়ের আবাসন]

- a. 790 lines
- b. 789 lines
- c. 799 lines

d.794 lines

Ans-d

8. Who commands the Sylphs to guard Belinda? [বাংলাদেশ পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায় বিভাগের মাঠ কর্মকর্তা]

- a. Baron
- b. Umbriel
- c. Clarissa
- d. Ariel

Ans-d

Daniel Defoe (1661-1731)

- He was a writer, journalist and spy.
- Father of the English Realistic Novel
- The Review is his Newspaper
- Pioneer of Economic Journalism

Works:

1. Robinson Crusoe (1719)
 - Friday is a Character of it.
 - It is First Realistic Fiction in English.
 - o 'He is not poor that has little, but that desire much.'
 - o 'The fear of danger is ten thousand times terrifying than danger itself.'
 - o 'Today we seek what tomorrow we shun.'
2. Colonel Jack
3. Captain Singleton
4. Lady Roxana

Tips to Remember: Robinson er ma / Jack er Roxana!

Solution to Previous Years' Question

Who wrote 'Robinson Crusoe'? [প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় সহকারী শিক্ষক : ০২]

- a. W. Congreve
- b. Daniel Defoe
- c. Samuel Johnson
- d. Sir Vanbrugh

Ans-b

Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)

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- His pseudonym is Issac Bickerstaff.
- Best/ Bitterest satirist of English Literature
- Yahoo was first used by him.
- He is called Misanthropist.

Works: Novel

1. Gulliver's Travels (1726)
 - It's called Colonial Novel.
 - Abul Monsur Ahmed Translated it into Bangla
 - Best Satire of 18th Century
2. The Modest Proposal
3. A Journal to Stella
4. A Battle of Books (Drama)
5. A Tale of a Tub (Essay)
 - o 'Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others.'
 - o 'A wise man should have money in his head but not in his heart.'
 - o 'Fear of danger is ten times more terrifying than danger itself.'
 - o 'He is not poor that has little but that desire much.'

Tips to Remember: Gulliver's Travel manei Books er Battle/ Modest Proposal manei Stella'r Journal!!

Jonathan Swift

Previous Years' Questions:

1. The most famous satirist in English literature is-৩৬ তম বিসিএস]
Or, Who is the famous satirist in English Literature? [খাদ্য অধিদপ্তরের অফিস সহকারি কাম কম্পিউটার]
a. Jonathan Swift
b. Alexander Pope
c. Joseph Addison
d. Richard Steel
Ans-a
2. Who is the most famous satirist in English literature? [১২তম বিসিএস (শিক্ষা)/জাতীয় কবি নজরুল ইসলাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (ডি-ইউনিট) : ১৭-১৮]
a. Alexander Pope
b. Jonathan Swift
c. William Wordsworth
d. Butler

Ans-b

3.The satirical travel narrative 'Gulliver's Travels' was written by- চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়(বি-ইউনিট)'কলা ও মানববিদ্যা অনুষদ : ১৪-১৫]

- a. H. G. Wells
- b. Jonathan Swift
- c. Charles Dickens
- d. Bernard Shaw

Ans-b

4.Fill in the blank: Jonathan Swift is the author of [জগন্নাথ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (ডি-ইউনিট) : ১৭-১৮]

Or. Jonathan Swift is the author of শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়ের সহকারী প্রধান পরিদর্শক (সাধারণ) : ০৯]

- a. The Old Man and The Sea
- b. A Doll's House
- c. Gulliver's Travels
- d. Robinson Crusoe

ans-c

6.Gulliver's Travels' is written by-by-স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের অফিস সহকারী কাম কম্পিউটার অপারেটর :১৯]

. Who wrote 'Gulliver's Travels'? [যুব উন্নয়ন অধিদপ্তরের ক্রেডিট সুপারভাইজার /সাঁট লিপিকার-কাম-কম্পিউটার অপারেটর :১৯]

- a. RL Stevenson
- b. Daniel Defoe
- c. Jonathan Swift
- d. D. H. Lawrence

Ans-c

7.Who is not a playwright? [বেগম রোকেয়া বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (এ-ইউনিট) : ১৫-১৬]

- a. Hanrik Ibsen
- b. William Shakespeare
- c. George Bernard Shaw
- d. Jonathan Swift

ans-d

'8.A Tale of a Tub' was written by - [বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের আমদানি-রপ্তানি অধিদপ্তরের নির্বাহী অফিসার: ০৯]

- a. Jonson
- b. G. B. Shaw
- c. Mark Twain
- d. Jonathan Swift

ans-d

9. 'A Voyage to Lilliput' is written by- [Karamasangsthan Bank Ltd. (Data Entry Operator):11]

- a. R. L. Stevenson
- b. Thomas Hardy
- c. William Wordsworth
- d. Jonathan Swift
- e. William Wordsworth

Ans-c

10. Gulliver, a man of average height, gets a new__ into the pettiness of human nature when he arrives the land of the__ [জগন্নাথ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (ই-ইউনিট) : ১৭-১৮]

- a. place, Laputa
- b. destination, Lilliputs
- c. insight, Lilliputs
- d. insight, Brobdingnags

Ans-c

11. 'Cato' was written by - [মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীনে উপজেলা মহিলা বিষয়ক কর্মকর্তা : ০২]

- a. Swift
- b. G. B. Shaw
- c. Mark Twain
- d. Joseph Addison

ans-a

12. 'The Tender Husband' is a - [Bangladesh Bank (Assistant Director) : 01]

- a. play
- b. epic
- c. story
- d. essay

Ans-a

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Samuel Richardson (1660-1761)

- Honest ethical Novelist
- Writer of first English successful Novel

Works::

- 1. Pamela or Virtue Rewarded
 - Considered the First English Novel
 - Published in 1740
 - Arcadia of Sir Philip Sidney is called the Embryo of English Novel

2. Clarissa
3. The History of Charles Grandison
- It's an Epistolary Novel (a type of literary work written like a letter written)

Samuel Richardson Previous Years' Questions:

1. 'Pamela' was written by- [গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়ের আবাসন পরিদপ্তরের সহকারী পরিচালক : ০৬]

- a. Swift
- b. G. B. Shaw
- c. Mark Twain
- d. Richardson

ans-d

2. Richardson did not write- [বাংলাদেশ পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায় বিভাগ মাঠ কর্মকর্তা : ১৩]

- a. Pamela
- b. Clarissa
- c. Sir Charles Grandison
- d. The Funeral

Ans-d

Age of Sensibility (1745-1785/98)

- Samuel Johnson is the main Writer of that time ,so it's called - Age of Johnson
- Age of Transition/ Reason/ Pre-Romantic .
- French Revolution in 1789
- The Father of English Grammar – Lindley Murray – published first English Grammar in 1794.
- This age ends with the publication of Lyrical Ballads in 1798.

Henry Fielding (1707-1754)

- Father of English Novel
- Pen Name – Captain Hercules Vinegar
- Famous for Picaresque Fiction
- He is both Novelist and Dramatist
- Constructive and Realistic Writer

Works::

Novel

1. Joseph Andrews
2. Jonathan Wilde
3. Amelia
4. Tom Jones (Picaresque Novel - 1749) - [13th /15th BCS]
 - o 'No one hath beauty in its highest lustre who hath never seen it in distress.'
 - o 'It's much easier to make good man wise than to make bad man good.'

T2R:: 3-Jo-Lia

Drama ::

1. Rape upon Rape
2. The Tragedy of Tragedies
3. The Mock Doctor

T2R:: bar bar(rape-rape/tragedy-tragedy) bole Mock

Henry Fielding Previous Years' Questions

Tom Jones' by Henry Fielding was first published in- [১৩ তম বিসিএস]

- a. the 1st half of 19th century
- b. the 2nd half of 18th century
- c. the 1st half of 18th century
- d. the 2nd half of 19th century

Ans-c

2Who is considered to be the father of English novel? [বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে সহকারী কমান্ডেট : ০০]

- a. Francis Bacon
- b. Geoffrey Chaucer
- c. King Alfred the Great
- d. Henry Fielding

Ans-d

3.Who is the father of English novel? [ইসলামী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (বি-ইউনিট) : ১৭-১৮]

- a. G. B. Shaw
- b. Daniel Defoe
- c. Henry Fielding
- d. William Shakespeare

ans-c

Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

- Father of English Dictionary
- Father of one act play
- The First Lexicographer of English
- Novelist, poet and Shakespeare's Critic

Works::

1. A Dictionary of English Language (1755) [28th /15th BCS]
2. The Tragedy of Irene
3. Vanity of Human Wishes (Poem)
4. London: A Poem
5. The Lives of Poets (Biographies of Poets)
6. The Patriot (Pamphlet)
7. Preface to Shakespeare (Criticism)

T2R:: Irene er Dictionary pore London giye Poet hoye Vanity bere gelo!!

- o 'Words are the sign of ideas.'
- o 'Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel.'
- o 'The future is purchased by the present.'

Samuel Johnson Previous Years' Questions

1. Who wrote the first English Dictionary?/ The first English dictionary was compiled by- [১৫তম বিসিএস / জীবন বীমা কর্পোরেশন: ২১/পাবলিক সার্ভিস কমিশনের সহকারী পরিচালক : ৯৮]

- a. Izaak Walton
- b. Samuel Johnson
- c. Samuel Butler
- d. Sir Thomas Browne

ans-b

2. Dr. Johnson's full name is- রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (এ-ইউনিট) বিজোড় : ১৪-১৫]

- a. Richard Johnson
- b. Samuel Johnson
- c. Mithael Johnson
- d. Ben Jonson

ans-b

3. Who is Dr. Johnson? (রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (এ-ইউনিট) বিজোড় : ১৪-১৫]

- a. An 18th century poet and critic
- b. A dramatist who is Shakespeare's contemporary

- c. A romantic poet
 - d. A postmodern theorist
- ans-a

4. A lexicographer is a person who writes - [আবহাওয়া অধিদপ্তরের অধীনে সহকারী আবহাওয়াবিদ : ০৪]

- a. Novels
 - b. Dictionaries
 - c. Graphs
 - d. Medical books
- ans- b

Thomas Gray (1716-71)

- Called the Graveyard Poet
- Refused the Poet Laureate Post (1757)

Works::

1. Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard (1751) [36th/37th BCS]
 - Here he mentioned Milton, Cromwell, Hampden, Muse
 - 'Many a flower is born to blush unseen / And waste its sweetness on the desert air.'
2. Paths of Glory
3. Celestial Fire
4. The Descent of Odin
5. Far from the Madding Crowd (novel)

Quotes::

- o 'The paths of glory lead but to the grave.'
- o 'Where ignorance is bliss, 'Tis folly to be wise.'

T2R:: Odin Descent korbe Fire er Paths diye Churchyard e!

Thomas Gray Previous Years' Questions

1. "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" is written by- [৩৭তম বিসিএস/৩৬তম বিসিএস]
 - a. William Wordsworth
 - b. Thomas Gray
 - c. John Keats
 - d. W. B. Yeats

Ans-b

2. Who is famous for his elegies? [খুলনা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (কলা ও মানবিক স্কুল) : ০৯-১০]

- a. Robert Browning
- b. Lord
- c. Thomas Gray
- d. Thomas Paine

Ans-c

3. "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, And waste its sweetness in the desert air" - উদ্ভৃতিটি কোন কবির কবিতা থেকে নেয়া হয়েছে? [মাদক দ্রব্য নিয়ন্ত্রন অধিদপ্তরের সহকারী পরিচালক : ৯৯]

- a. P. B. Shelley
- b. William Wordsworth
- c. Thomas Gray
- d. John Keats

ans-c

Solution to Previous Years' Questions

1. Edmund Burke belonged to – [বন ও পরিবেশ মন্ত্রণালয়ের সহকারী পরিচালক: ৯৫]

- a. 16th century
- b. 17th century
- c. 18th century
- d. 19th century

ans-c

2. Who wrote 'A speech on East India Bill'? [বন ও পরিবেশ মন্ত্রণালয়ের সহকারী পরিচালক: ৯৫]

- a. Edmund Spenser
- b. Edmund Burke
- c. Sir Philip Sidney
- d. Roger Bacon

ans-b

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Oliver Goldsmith (1728-74)

- Irish Novelist, Poet & playwright.
- Famous for the Juvenile Literature
- Assumed to write famous - The History of The Goody Two Shoes
- Dr. Samuel Johnson wrote his Epitaph

Works::

1. The Vicar of the Wakefield. (Novel)
o 'Handsome is that handsome does.'
2. The Deserted Village (Pastoral Poem)

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3. The Traveler (Poem)
4. The Citizen of The World (Series of Letters)

Quote:: -

o 'Life is journey that must be traveled no matter how bad the roads and accommodation.'

T2R:: World Citizen ra Deserted Village er vetor diye Travel kore Wakefield e jabe!!

William Blake (1758-1827)

- Poet & Painter.
- Poet of Bible / Visionary Poet.
- Precursor of Romanticism.

Works::

1. Songs of Innocence and Experience
 - o 'All pray in their distress.'
2. Marriage of Heaven and Hell (Biblical Description)
3. Milton a Poem
4. The Chimney Sweeper (theme - Child labor)
5. The Lamb
6. The Tiger

Quotes::

- 'Great things are done when man and mountain meet.'
- 'It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.'

T2R:: William er opposite Black/Innocence er ulto Experience/ Heaven er ulto Hell/ Lamb er ulto Tiger / Milton er ulto Sweeper!!

William Blake Previous Years' Questions

1. ____ was both a poet and a painter. [৪৩তম বিসিএস]
- a. John Keats
 - b. Spenser
 - c. William Blake
 - d. John Donne
- Ans-c

2. Who of the following was both a poet and a painter? [১৫তম বিসিএস/শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়ের সহকারি শ্রম অফিসার :

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- a. Keats
- b. Donne
- c. Blake
- d. Spenser

Ans-c

3. Who of the following is not a novelist? [বাংলাদেশ বেসামরিক বিমান চলাচল কর্তৃপক্ষ (এরোড্রোন কর্মকর্তা/

ইন্সপেক্টর/সহকারী ভান্ডার কর্মকর্তা): ২১]

- a. Charles Dickens
- b. Emile Bronte
- c. William Blake
- d. Thomas Hardy

Ans-c

4. The poet William Blake has compared the schoolboy to – [ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (খ-ইউনিট): ১৯-২০]

- a. a prisoner
- b. a great scholar
- c. a caged bird
- d. a brave warrior

ans-c

5. William Blake is [পাবনা বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (ক-ইউনিট) : ১৬-১৭]

- a. an English poet
- b. an American poet
- c. an Australian poet
- d. Canadian writer

Ans-a

5. Who has written 'Songs of Innocence and of Experience'? [বেগম রোকেয়া বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (এ ইউনিট) ১৫-১৬]

- a. S. T. Coleridge
- b. John Keats
- c. William Blake
- d. William Wordsworth

Ans-c

7. Which sentence is most applicable to Blake? [ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (খ ইউনিট) Ele. Eng.: ১২-১৩]

- a. Blake had a strange way of life.
 - b. Blake had diverse interests
 - c. Blake studied an extraordinary form of art.
 - d. Blake was a solitary man
- ans-b

8.Blake saw angels in trees as child because- | ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (খ ইউনিট) Ele. Eng ১২-১৩]

- a. he was often drugged.
 - b. he was in love with nature
 - c. he was a visionary
 - d. angels were in the paintings
- ans-b

9.How did Blake view religion? (ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (খ ইউনিট) Ele. Eng. : ১২-১৩]

- a. He did not believed in God and religion.
 - b. For Blake religion was a matter of inner feeling.
 - c. He believed religion was determined by the church.
 - d. Blake was a strict follower of the English church.
- ans-b

10.Blake's art was an example of __ experience. [ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (খ ইউনিট) Ele. Eng. : ১২-১৩]

- a. visual
 - b. religious
 - c. troubled
 - d. highly subjective
- ans-b

11.Who among the following is not a novelist? [খুলনা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (কলা ও মানবিক স্কুল) : ১১-১২/খুলনা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (কলা ও মানবিক স্কুল) : ১০-১১]

- a. Hardy
 - b. Joyce
 - c. Thackeray
 - d. Blake
- ans-d

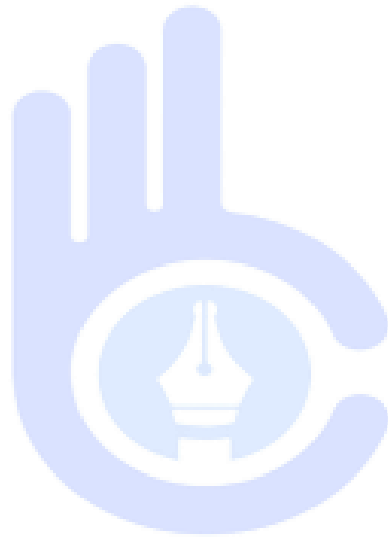
12.The author of 'Songs of Innocence and of Experience' is-[খুলনা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (কলা ও মানবিক স্কুল : ১০-১১]

- a. John Lennon
 - b. Richard Marx
 - c. William Blake
 - d. John Keats
- ans- c

12. One of the four mentioned below is not a poet of Romantic age-[বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে
সহকারীকমান্ডেট:০০]

- a. William Blake
- b. William Wordsworth
- c. P.B. Shelley
- d. John Keats

ans-a



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