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# BCS Preliminary English Course



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## Literature

## Elizabethan Period 1558-1603 AD

- Named after Virgin Queen Elizabeth 1
- The Golden Age of English Literature.
- Nest of Singing Birds
- This age is replete with Songs and Lyrics.
- Elizabethan Tragedies are mainly centered with Revenge and Love.
- Elizabethan theater established 1576

### Important Poets of Elizabethan Period

1. Thomas Norton
2. Thomas Kyd
3. Edmund Spenser
4. Francis Becon
5. William Shakespeare [Individual Sheet]
6. Christopher Marlowe
7. Sir Philip Sidney

**Thomas Norton (1532-84)****&****Thomas Sackville (1536-1608)**

- 1st Literary Collaborator of English Literature
- They wrote the 1st Tragedy of English Literature – ‘The Tragedy of King Gorboduc’ or ‘Ferrex and Porrex’
- ‘Gorboduc’ staged in 1562 before Queen Elizabeth.

**Thomas Kyd (1557-94)**

- Father of English Revenge Tragedy
- One of the University Wits
- Wrote – The Spanish Tragedy : Called Bloody Drama and the Bloody Handkerchief is its symbol
- Shakespeare was influenced to write Hamlet by The Spanish Tragedy

**Previous Question on****Thomas Kyd**

1. The play 'The Spanish Tragedy' is written by- [38<sup>th</sup> BCS]

- a. Thomas Kyd
- c. Shakespeare bad b
- b. Christopher Marlowe
- d. Ben Jonson

**Ans-a**

2. Who wrote ‘The Spanish Tragedy’? [সরকারি মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ের সহকারি শিক্ষক : ০৬]

- a. John Lyly
- b. Thomas Kyd
- c. Robert Green
- d. Christopher Marlowe

Ans-b

3. "The Spanish Targedy" was written by- [Bangladesh Bank Assistant Director: 2001 ]

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

Ans-d

4. Kyd is the innovator of in English Literature [ডাচ্ বাংলা ব্যাংক অফিসার ০৪]

- a. poetry
- b. prose
- c. romantic
- d. tragedy

Ans-d

5. Who is the father of English Revenge Tragedy?

- a. Ben Jonson
- b. Edmund Spenser
- c. Henry Fielding
- d. Thomas Kyd

Ans-d

## Edmund Spenser (1552-99)

- Pseudonym 'Immerito'
- Poets' Poet / The Poet of Poets
- Court Poet or The Divine Master
- Child of Renaissance & Reformation

### Works:

Epic – Faerie Queen (Characters- Red Cross Knight, Una , Gloria)

Quotes – “For there is nothing lost, they may be found, if sought.”

- “Untroubled night they say giues counsell best.”

Elegy – Astrophel - on the death of Sir Philip Sidney

Sonnet - Amoretti

Poem- The Shepeard's Calender - Pastoral Poem – Dedicated to Sir Philip Sidney

Four Hyme

### Previous Question on Edmund Spenser

1. 2. Edmund Spenser is a- [কারা অধিদপ্তরের কারা তত্ত্বাবধায়ক : ১২]

- a. Scientist
- b. Poet
- c. Critics
- d. Dramatist

### Ans-b

2. 'Faerie Queene' is a/an - [সহকারী থানা / উপজেলা শিক্ষা অফিসার : ১২]

- a. play
- b. short story

- c. epic
- d. novel

Ans-c

3. Who is called the poet of poets? [সরকারি মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ের সহকারি শিক্ষক : ০৬]

- a. Geoffrey Chaucer
- b. Edmund Spenser
- c. Thomas Kyd
- d. William Shakespeare

Ans-b

### **Sir Philip Sidney (1554-86)**

- 1st Literary Critic of English Literature

#### **Works:**

Criticism – An Apology for Poetry

Novel – Arcadia (An Embryo of English Novel)

Sonnet – Astrophel and Stella

### **Previous Question on Sir Philip Sydney**

1. Which one is not a poetic work? [জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (সি-ইউনিট): ১৪-১৫]

- a. The Waste Land
- b. An Apology for poetry
- c. The Canterbury Tales
- d. Paradise Lost.

Ans-b

2. Who has written 'An Apology for Poetry'? [Begum Rokeya University (U-A): -39]

- a. Ralph Waldo Emerson
- c. Samuel Johnson
- b. Walt Whitman
- d. Franz Kafka

*Ans: No Answer*

3. Who is the writer of 'Arcadia'? [ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (খ-ইউনিট): ০৯-১০]

- a. Sir Philip Sidney
- b. Alfred Tennyson
- c. Lord Tennyson
- d. John Milton

*Ans-a*

4. What is the main theme of 'Arcadia'? [বহিরাগমনের পাসপোর্ট অধিদপ্তরের সহকারী পরিচালক: ০৬]

- a. Love Names
- b. rural life
- d. wealth
- c. greed

*Ans-b*

### **Francis Bacon (1562-1626)**

- Father of Modern English Prose
- Father of English Essay/ Empiricism
- Master of Aphorism / Terseness

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## Remember:

Father of English Prose – John Wycliffe

Father of Modern English Prose / English Essay - Francis Bacon

Founder of English Prose – Alfred the Great

## Works:

Essay – Of Truth, Of Death, Of Revenge, Of Adversity, Of Parents , Of Parents and Children, Of Marriage and Single Life , Of Envy, Of Love , Of Great Place, Of Study, Novum Organum, History of Life and Death, The New Atlantis.

## Quotes:

1. Some books should be tasted, some devoured, but only a few should be chewed and digested thoroughly. – Of Studies
2. Reading maketh a full man; and writing an exact man. – Of Studies
3. It is impossible to love and be wise. – Of Love
4. Knowledge is power.
5. Revenge is a kind of wild justice. – Of Revenge
6. History makes a wise man .- Of Studies
7. Opportunity makes a thief.

## Previous Questions on

### Francis Bacon

1. Who is an essayist? [বাংলাদেশ বেসামরিক বিমান চলাচল (সিনিয়র অফিসার:২১ /জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীন পিএসসির সহকারী পরিচালক : ১৬]

- a. J. S. Mill
- c. Francis Bacon
- b. Charles Dickens



d. W. H. Newman

Ans-c

2. Francis Bacon is a/an - [সরকারি মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ের প্রধান শিক্ষক : ০৩/ সাব-রেজিস্টার : ০১]

- a. Novelist
- b. Dramatist
- c. poet
- d. Essayist

Ans-d

3. Who is called the father of English essays? [বেগম রোকেয়া বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (এ-ইউনিট) : ১০-১১]

- a. Francis Bacon
- b. Robert Browning
- c. Ted Hughes
- d. O' Henry

Ans-a

4. Who is considered to be the father of English prose? [রেলওয়ে সহকারী কমান্ডেট : ০০]

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

Ans-b

5. Bacon received education from --- [জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের সহকারী রাজস্ব কর্মকর্তা-০৩]

- a. Eton
- b. Oxford
- c. Cambridge
- d. Trinity College

Ans-c

## **George Chapman (1559-1636)**

- He translated Homer's 'Iliad' and 'Odyssey'

### **Works:**

Comedy – Children of the Chapel, An Humorous Day's Mirth, The Widow's Tears.

Tragedy- Bussy D'Ambois, The Revenge of Bussy D'Ambois

Quotes: "Young man think the old men are fools but the old men know young men are fools."

## **Christopher Marlowe (1564-93)**

- Great Dramatist of Elizabethan Period (35th BCS)
- Father of English Tragedy
- The Pioneer of Blank Verse in English Lit. ( Marlowe – Milton - Modhushudhon)
- Believed – "Man is the maker of his own fate".

Works:

### **Tragedy**

1. The Tragic History of Doctor Faustus. (Morality Play)
- Doctor Faustus is a Renaissance Hero.
  - Characters- Doctor Faustus, Mephistophilis, Lucifer, Good Angels

### **Quotes-**

- "First will I question with thee about hell tell me, where is the place that men call hell?"
- "Divinity! Adieu" These metaphysical books are heavenly."

- “Sweet Helen, Make me immortal with a kiss”
  - “See, see, Where Christ’s blood stream in the firmament, one drop would save my soul,...”
2. The Jew of Malta (Believed that Shakespeare’s The Merchant of Venice is on its plot)
  3. Tamburlaine the Great (1st Play)
  4. Edward II

Poems:

The Passionate Shepherd to His Love (Most beautiful Lyric Poem in English Literature)

- “Come, live with me and be my love, / And we will all the pleasure prove.”

Hero and Leander (Unfinished poem but finished by George Chapman)

### Previous Questions On Christopher Marlowe

1. Which of the following writers belongs to the Elizabethan period? [৩৫ তম বিসিএস ]
  - a. Christopher Marlowe
  - b. Alexander pope
  - c. John Dryden
  - d. Samuel Beckett

**Ans-a**

2. Who, among the following playwrights, is Shakespeare's contemporary?

[রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (এ-ইউনিট) বিজোড় : ১৪-১৫]

- a. Arthur Miller
- b. Christopher Marlowe
- c. Samuel Beckett

d. William Congreve

Ans-b

3. What is the full name of the tragedy 'Dr. Faustus'?

[সরকারি মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ের সহকারি শিক্ষক:০৬]

a. The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus

b. The Tragical of Doctor Faustus

c. The Tragic History of Doctor Faustus

d. Doctor Faustus

Ans-a

'4. Dr. Faustus' was written by- [গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরে উপসহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল) : ১০]

a. Ben Johnson

b. W. Shakespeare

c. Christopher Marlowe

d. John Webster

Ans-c

5. What is the main theme of Doctor Faustus?

[গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়ের আবাসন পরিদপ্তরের সহকারী পরিচালক:০৬]

a. love

b. thirst of power

c. jealousy

d. revenge

Ans-b

6. In 'The Passionate Shepherd to his Love' the word that rhymes with 'rocks' is-

[ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (ক ইউনিট) : ০০-০১]

a. shocks

- b. locks
- c. flocks
- d. mocks

Ans-c

7. "Choose the line which follows the line" and if these pleasures may thee move" in "The passionate Shepherd to his love". [ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (ঘ ইউনিট) : ৯৮-৯৯]

- a. Then bear with me and be my love
- b. Come live with me and be my love
- c. Let me be the passionate Shepherd to your love
- d. Let me all pleasures to you now prove

Ans- b

8. 'Come on and be my friend' is a/an - [শ্রম পরিদপ্তরের জনসংখ্যা ও পরিবার কল্যাণ কর্মকর্তা :০৯]

- a. invitation
- b. Persuasion
- c. provocation
- d. temptation

Ans-a

9. Who believed 'Man is the maker of his fate'?

[বাংলাদেশ পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায় বিভাগ মাঠ কর্মকর্তা-১৩]

- a. Franklin
- b. Dryden
- c. Carlyle
- d. Marlowe

Ans-d

10. Christopher Marlowe is Shakespeare's- [পাসপোর্ট অধিদপ্তরের সহকারী পরিচালক: ১১]

- a. Successor
- b. Predecessor
- c. Contemporary
- d. Mentor

Ans-b

11. A great playwright of Shakespeare time was - [সহকারী আবহাওয়াবিদ: ০৪]

- a. Samuel Johnson
- b. Christopher Marlowe
- c. Oliver Goldsmith
- d. John Donne

Ans-b

12. Christopher Marlowe was a writer of - [জনতা ব্যাংক (অফিসার) :০৫]

- a. Romantic period
- b. Victorian period
- c. Jacobean period
- d. Elizabethan period

Ans-d