Summer Examinations 2015

HIS302815N

Module Title: The English Country House, 1660-1830
Level: Six
Time Allowed: One hour and thirty minutes

Instructions to students:

- Please enter your student number not your name on all answer books.

- Answer two questions: one question from Section A and comment on either the image or the quotation from Section B.

- Section A carries 67% of the overall marks.
  Section B carries 33% of the overall marks.

- Begin each answer in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.

- Neither books nor notes may be taken into the examination.

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Section A
Section A carries 67% of the overall marks.

Answer one of the following questions.

1. What can meals tell us about the Georgian country house?

2. How did the form and furnishing of the country house reflect its role as a place for entertaining guests?

3. Discuss the contention that women were marginal to the creation of the country house.

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End of Section A
Section B follows overleaf
Section B

Section B carries 33% of the overall marks.

4. Comment on either the image or the quotation.

a. Image

The library at Cassiobury House, Hertfordshire, c.1830

b. Quotation

‘Pray inquire for a Chamber Maid for us, & that you may fully acquaint her with our business I have sent you an account of what it is that we expect from her. First, she must work plain work very well, Sir Ab. wears very fine linen & she must be make & mend for him & me & for my son & sister, she must wash & smooth all the fine linens & muslins & dress our heads, & keep our chambers neat & clean, & do all that belongs to the Chamber maid’s place … We would not have a young raw finical Lass, for then she will mind nothing so much as the dressing up of herself, but a plain discreet staid servant, one that has been used to such business & is able to perform it’.

Lady Judith Danby (1704)

End of Section B
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