

English Honours; U.G.-I; Paper-01

Topic: An overview of the Elizabethan Age (I)

The Elizabethan Age is considered a Golden Age in the history of England. England made an astonishing progress in all fields of national life. With the accession of Queen Elizabeth on the throne of England in 1558, the whole country blossomed forth like a fresh flower radiating in a thousand petals and sweet fragrance. Before the accession of Queen Elizabeth, the whole country was shaken with numerous upheavals and turmoils. The Queen suppressed all internal rebels and restored public harmony, confidence and freedom from care. The external powers invading the country were also crushed down and England became a great power, specially as a Navy power. England took a sigh of relief and Englishmen set down to develop their own trade and industry. The people got their long coveted leisure to sit and study and meditate over the deeper truths of human life and the universe. Men of

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science devoted themselves to explore further the mysteries of nature and artists and authors displayed their great genius in different forms. The Renaissance was in its full swing in all walks of life — Renaissance not only in literature but also in religion, society, politics, commerce and science alike.

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