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VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

Question Paper

B.A. Honours Examinations 2020

(Under CBCS Pattern)

Semester - I

Subject: ENGLISH

Paper: C 1-T

**British Poetry & Drama: Beginning to 14th Century and
History of English Language**

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own
words as far as practicable.*

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Answer any **three** of the following questions :

3×20=60

1. Write an essay on Old English heroic poetry with special reference to *Beowulf*.
2. Attempt a study of the development of Old English prose with suitable illustrations.
3. Do you consider the Wife of Bath as a proto-feminist? Write an essay in support of your view.
4. Comment on Chaucer's employment of irony and humour in *The Wife of Bath's* Prologue.
5. Discuss the extent of Classical influence on the English language.
6. Attempt an essay on the Scandinavian elements in the English language.