

2022

1st Semester Examination

ENGLISH (Honours)

Paper : C 1-T

(History of English Literature and English Language)

[New Syllabus]

(Revised Syllabus, w.e.f. Session 2022-23)

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Full Marks : 60

Time : Three Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers  
in their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Attempt any *ten* of the following : 2×10=20
  - (a) Mention the names of the four major manuscripts which contain extant old English literature.
  - (b) Give the names attributed to the four 'Matter' of Metrical Romances.
  - (c) Mention the names of any two Jacobean dramatists and one play by each of them.

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- (d) When did the 'Restoration' take place? What was restored?
- (e) Mention any two major features of Anti-Sentimental comedy.
- (f) Give the names of any four novels by Sir Walter Scott.
- (g) Write the names of four women novelists of the Victorian age.
- (h) What is the significance of the year 1922 in the history of English literature?
- (i) Write a philological note on 'egg'.
- (j) Mention four French loan words in the English language.
- (k) How did the word 'assassin' evolve?
- (l) Mention two Apostles whose doctrines are used by the Wife of Bath to support her views on multiple marriages.
- (m) Mention the significance of the wife's allusion to the story of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman.
- (n) Why does the Pardoner put off the idea of marriage?
- (o) Which text of Ptolemy is referred to by the Wife of Bath and why?

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5×4=20

2. Attempt any *four* of the following :
- (a) Comment on the importance of Morality plays in the development of English Drama.
  - (b) Write briefly on Bacon's contribution to English prose.
  - (c) Describe briefly any two major factors leading to the emergence of the novel in the 18th century England.
  - (d) Briefly discuss any one major trend in English drama in the late Victorian period.
  - (e) Evaluate briefly the significance of any one phase of the Latin influence on the English language.
  - (f) How does the Wife of Bath achieve control over her fifth husband?
3. Attempt any *two* of the following : 10×2=20
- (a) Write a note on the development of Old English Christian poetry.
- Or*
- Attempt a study of the contribution of the University Wits with special reference to any one of them.
- (b) Discuss the major characteristics of English Romantic poetry.

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Or

Assess the contribution of either James Joyce or Virginia Woolf to the development of the English novel.

(c) Assess critically the Scandinavian influence on the development of the English language.

(d) Write a brief essay on Chaucer's presentation of the rebel feminine voice in *The Wife of Bath's Prologue*.

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(British Poetry and Drama : Beginning to 14th Century and History of English Language)

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Full Marks : 60

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1. Attempt any *ten* of the following questions : 2×10=20

(a) Who was "scop" Widsith?

(b) What did Byrthmoth embody in the *Battle of Maldon*?

(c) What is *The Wanderer* about?

(d) How many lines did *The Seafarer* contain? Mention the single word with which it ended.

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- (e) Mention any two works translated by King Alfred.
- (f) What do you know about the Black Death in England?
- (g) What does Heort signify in *Beowulf*?
- (h) Who was Hrothgar in *Beowulf*?
- (i) What did Hrothgar's wife offer to Beowulf and why?
- (j) Why did The Wife of Bath refer to King Solomon?
- (k) How does Chaucer describe the look of the Wife of Bath in the *Prologue*?
- (l) Write a short philological note on the word, "dream".
- (m) Give two examples of Scandinavian law terms which had survived in English language.
- (n) Write a short philological note on the word, "bishop".
- (o) Give two examples of Scandinavian loan words related to food.
2. Attempt any *four* of the following questions : 5×4=20
- (a) Comment on the significance of *The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*.

- (b) What does *The Ruin* evoke?
- (c) Why is *The Dream of the Rood* significant among the Old English religious poems?
- (d) How does Revenge serve as a motif in *Beowulf*?
- (e) Comment on the Wife of Bath's relationship with the fifth husband as revealed in the *Prologue*.
- (f) Write a short note on the pre-Christian Latin influence on the English language.
3. Attempt any *two* of the following questions : 10×2=20
- (a) Write a note on the contribution of Caedmon and Cynewulf to Anglo-Saxon Christian poetry.
- (b) Consider *Beowulf* as an Anglo-Saxon epic.
- (c) Write a note on the Wife of Bath's attitude to marriage as revealed in *The Wife of Bath's Prologue*.
- (d) Comment on the impact of the French loan words on the English Language.
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