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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
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Second Semester

English – Core

HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2021 and 2022 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Name the earliest and the greatest epic poem

- (a) Beowulf
- (b) Grendel
- (c) Saxon song
- (d) Deor's lament

2. Who is the father of our English Learning?

- (a) Cademon
- (b) Venerable Bede
- (c) Cynewulf
- (d) Chaucer

3. Richard II was deposed in the year _____

- (a) 1377
- (b) 1388
- (c) 1381
- (d) 1399

4. Piers Plowman was written by

- (a) William Langland
- (b) Geoffrey Chaucer
- (c) John Mandeville
- (d) John Wycliffe

5. War of Roses happened between _____

- (a) 1455-85
- (b) 1355-85
- (c) 1655- 85
- (d) 1415- 18

6. Hundred years war came to an end in the year

- (a) 1453
- (b) 1353
- (c) 1533
- (d) 1543

7. Charles I was executed in the year _____

- (a) 1649
- (b) 1659
- (c) 1629
- (d) 1639

8. "The Desserted Village" was written by

- (a) Shakespeare
- (b) Ben Jonson
- (c) Samuel Johnson
- (d) Oliver Goldsmith

9. Milton's Paradise Lost came out in the year _____

- (a) 1667 (b) 1677
- (c) 1674 (d) 1688

10. Battle of Waterloo took place in the year _____

- (a) 1715
- (b) 1815
- (c) 1615
- (d) 1915

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain the qualities of Literature in your own words.

Or

(b) Write a short note on Cademon.

12. (a) Write a short note on John Wycliffe.

Or

(b) Express your understanding of the Prologue of Canterbury Tales.

13. (a) Comment on Spenser's Faery Queen.

Or

(b) Bring out the characteristics of Elizabethan age.

14. (a) Discuss Milton's Paradise Lost in short.

Or

(b) Write a short note on Addison and Steele.

15. (a) Bring out the characteristics of Victorian age.

Or

- (b) Highlight the significance of Rudyard Kipling and his works.

PART C — (3 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) "All art is the expression of life in forms of truth and beauty." — Elucidate.

Or

- (b) Elaborate on Anglo-Saxon life.

17. (a) Write elaborately on the Contemporaries of Chaucer.

Or

- (b) Write a detailed note on the Literature of the Norman period.

18. (a) Attempt an essay on the life and works of Edmund Spenser.

Or

- (b) Discuss the contribution of Francis Bacon and other prose writers during his age.

19. (a) Elaborate on the Romantic revival.

Or

- (b) Write in detail about Alexander Pope and his works.

20. (a) Write a detailed account on Twentieth century Literature.

Or

- (b) Discuss the poets of the Victorian age.