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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025.

Second Semester

English – Core

HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

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

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Between which sets of dates did Chaucer live?
(a) 1340-1400 (b) 1345-1400
(c) 1348-1400 (d) 1349-1400
2. The Hundred years war was fought between
(a) England and the Romans
(b) The Romans and Saxons
(c) England and France
(d) The Greeks and the Romans

3. One of the Tales in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* is in prose. Which of these?
(a) The Pardoner's Tale (b) The Parson's Tale
(c) The Monk's Tale (d) The Knight's Tale
4. Who described Chaucer as "The Well of English undefiled"?
(a) Dryden (b) Spenser
(c) Pope (d) Sidney
5. Spenser's *Amoretti* is:
(a) A Collection of his love lyrics
(b) A Collection of his love sonnets
(c) A Collection of his miscellaneous songs
(d) An elegy on the death of Sidney
6. For what is the phrase 'The Mousetrap' used by Shakespeare?
(a) Hamlet's Tragic flaw
(b) The Ghost of Hamlet's father
(c) The play within the play in Hamlet
(d) Hamlet's conscience
7. Which of the following is a Cavalier Poet?
(a) Richard Lovelace (b) John Donne
(c) Samuel Butler (d) John Milton

8. The epithet 'Augustan' was first applied to Dryden by:

- (a) Mathew Arnold (b) Pope
(c) Dr. Johnson (d) Coleridge

9. Who started the Journal *The Tatler*?

- (a) Addison (b) Steele
(c) Dr. Johnson (d) Daniel Defoe

10. "God made the country and man made the town" who write the line?

- (a) Wordsworth (b) Cowper
(c) Blake (d) Thompson

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Answer should not exceed 250 words each.

11. (a) Explain the relation of history and literature?

Or

(b) What is meant by Northumbrian Literature?
Who are the great Northumbrian writers?

12. (a) Why did the Anglo-saxons come to England?
What induced them to remain?

Or

(b) Make a little comparison between Chaucer and Shakespeare.

13. (a) What are Ben Jonson's chief plays? In what important respects did they differ from those of Shakespeare?

Or

(b) Explain why Elizabethan poetry is superior to prose.

14. (a) Elucidate the main characteristics features of literature that was written in Puritan age.

Or

(b) Define the term cavalier poet.

15. (a) Give some reasons for the influence of the French revolution in English Literature.

Or

(b) Describe the Characters present in the poetry "The Rime of Ancient Mariner". In what aspects is this poetry romantic? Give your own reason for its popularity.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Answer should not exceed 600 words each.

16. (a) Describe the general qualities of Anglo-saxon poetry. How did it differ in its metrical form from modern poetry?

Or

- (b) Compare the Anglo-saxon ideal of Woman with that of other nations, the Romans for instance.

17. (a) Describe briefly *Piers Plowman* and its author. Why is the poem called "the Gospel of the poor"?

Or

- (b) What made Wyclif a remarkable figure in literature? How did his work affect English Literature?

18. (a) Comment on the prose works that were published in the Elizabethan age.

Or

- (b) Write a detailed note on the contemporaries and successors of William Shakespeare.

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19. (a) Elucidate the Cavalier poets and metaphysical poets. Name the major writers.

Or

- (b) Give the main idea or argument present in the *Paradise Lost*.

20. (a) Explain the General Characteristics of Romantic Age writers.

Or

- (b) List the characteristic features of Victorian Literature. Mention the famous writer of that period.
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