

English [MAJOR]

[NEP-CBCS]

B.A. First Semester End Examination-2023

PAPER: ENGH-MJ-101T

Full Marks: 60

Time: 03Hrs

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

1. Attempt any two questions taking one from each group:

2x10 = 20

Group A

- i) Discuss Beowulf's heroic exploits in his encounters with Grendel and the dragon.
- ii) Write a note on Old English elegiac poetry.

Group B

- iii) "An Englishman cannot thrive, be ill or die, without Scandinavian words; they are to the language what bread and eggs are to the daily fare." – Discuss.
- iv) Discuss the nature and significance of borrowings from French into the English language.

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2. Answer any two questions of the following: $2 \times 5 = 10$

- i) Write a short note on Black Death from your study of Medieval English literature.
- ii) Give an account of the Old English prose with special reference to Alfric and Wulfstan.
- iii) Write a short note on Chaucer's contribution to English poetry with reference to his English phase of writing poetry.
- iv) Write philological notes on any two of the following words:
 - a) Dream b) Egg c) sister d) Trusteeship.

3. Write short note on any two of the following literary terms:

- i) Crape diem $2 \times 5 = 10$
- ii) Chorus
- iii) Three Unities
- iv) Dramatic Monologue
- v) Ballad

4. Answer any ten questions of the following: $10 \times 2 = 20$

- i) Mention the names of two important poets related to Anglo-Saxon Christian poetry.
- ii) Mention the names of the four major manuscripts of Old English literature.
- iii) Why is 597 A.D. important?
- iv) What does the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle contain?

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- v) What does Beowulf take as a trophy after his battle with Grendel?
 - vi) What is Heorot? Why was it abandoned before the arrival of Beowulf?
 - vii) Write the names of the king and queen of Geatland as mentioned in the epic *Beowulf*.
 - viii) What was the outcome of the Battle of Maldon? What was Byrhneth?
 - ix) Mention the three phases of Chaucer's literary career with at least one example from each phase.
 - x) Describe the attire and personal decoration of the Wife of Bath.
 - xi) How did the Wife of Bath gain "sovereignty" over her fifth husband?
 - xii) What is Hybridism?
 - xiii) Write at least one major influence of the Norman Conquest.
 - xiv) Mention the year of publication of the Authorised Version of the Bible. Who translated the Bible into English from the Original Version?
 - xv) What are the poems written by the Pearl Poet?
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