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ENGLISH

[HONOURS]

(CBCS)

(B.A. First Semester End Examination-2021)

PAPER-HCC1

Full Marks: 60

Time: 03 Hrs

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) Is Beowulf a record of Anglo saxon life and civilization? Discuss.
- ii) What is wife of Bath's opinion of love and marriage? How does she control her husbands?

Group-B

- iii) Write a note on the extent of French influence on the English language.
- iv) "An English man cannot thrive or be ill or die without Scandinavian words." - Elucidate.

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2. a) Identify and explain the figures of speech in any two of the following: $2 \times 5 = 10$

- i) Kings are like stars – they rise and set they have / The worship of the world but norepose.
- ii) The curfew tolls the knell of parting day.
- iii) And now the storm blast came and he / was tyrannous and strong.
- iv) The fair breeze blew, the white foam flew / The furrow followed free.

b) Scan any one of the following passages: $1 \times 10 = 10$

- i) When that the poor have cried Caesar hath wept:
Ambition should be made of sterner stuff:
Yet Brutus says he was ambitious;
And Brutus is an honourable man.
- ii) Alone, alone, all, all alone,
Alone on a wide wide sea!
And never a saint took pity on
My soul in agony.

3. a) Write philological notes on any five of the following:

$5 \times 2 = 10$

- i) Debt
- ii) Picture
- iii) Church
- iv) Husband

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- v) Sister
- vi) Dream
- vi) Egg
- vii) Law

b) Answer any five of the following questions:

- i) Name the four manuscripts in which the old English poetry is preserved.
- ii) Name four signed poems of Cynewulf.
- iii) Why is the year 1066 imp-ortant in the history of English literature?
- iv) Name four alliterative poems of the Middle Ages. In which diatect were they written?
- v) Who is Grendel in the epic Beowulf?
- vi) Name the king and the queen of Grealland land as mentioned in the epic Beowulf.
- vii) What are the three phases of Chaucer’s literary career? Cite at least one work from each phase.
- viii) Who are the female characters in Chaucer’s “The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales”?
