

U.G. 5th Semester Examination - 2020**ENGLISH**

Course Code : BENGDSHT1 [DSE1]

Course Title : History of English Literature (OE to 1798)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*1. Answer any **ten** questions of the following :

1×10=10

- a) What is the name of the Danish king whose kingdom is attacked by Grendel?
- b) Who is considered to be “the father of English prose”?
- c) To which genre does *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* belong?
- d) Name the poem, which is adapted from *Boccaccio* by Chaucer.
- e) Who wrote *Morte d’Arthur*?
- f) What is considered to be the main contribution of Tyndale and Coverdale?

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- g) In Spencer’s *Faerie Queene* who is allegorically represented as Gloriana?
- h) “He affects the metaphysics”—Who said this about whom?
- i) Mention two Roman plays of William Shakespeare.
- j) When did the English Civil War start?
- k) What does Milton’s *Areopagitica* advocate?
- l) In which year did the Norman Conquest of England start and when did it end?
- m) Who are represented through the characters of Absalom and Achitophel?
- n) Who founded *The Spectator*?
- o) Name one criminal biography written by Henry Fielding.

2. Answer any **five** of the following questions:

2×5=10

- a) Mention two works of didactic poetry from the Middle English period.
- b) Who wrote *Short View of the Immorality and Profaneness of the English Stage* and why?
- c) What is known as “The Black Death”? When did it happen?

- d) When was the Church of England established and by whom?
- e) Mention two characteristics of Neo-classicism.
- f) What do you mean by the term “Mock-Epic”?
Mention one literary work that belongs to this genre.
- g) Mention the names of two English sonnet sequences from the sixteenth century along with their writers.
- h) Mention two characteristics of Sentimental Comedy.

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

- a) Write a short note on “The University Wits”.
- b) Write a short note on “The Graveyard School of Poetry”.
- c) Write a short note on Middle English Romances

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

$$10 \times 1 = 10$$

- a) Discuss the importance of periodical essays of the eighteenth century.
- b) Discuss the contribution of Christopher Marlowe as a dramatist.
- c) Discuss the importance of the Caedmon group and the Cynewulf group in old English literature.
