1 SEM TDC ENG M 1

2017

(November)

ENGLISH

(Major)

Course: 101

(History of English Society and Culture—I)

(Anglo-Saxon to the Restoration)

Full Marks: 80

Pass Marks: 32/24

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Choose the correct option:

1×8=8

- (a) When was the first attack of plague recorded in London?
 - (i) November 1st, 1348
 - (ii) December 2nd, 1344
 - (iii) October 30th, 1345
 - (iv) June 2nd, 1347

(Turn Over)

- (b) Which one of the following is not an impact of the Black Death?
 - (i) Depopulation of England
 - (ii) Acute labour shortage for agriculture
 - (iii) Large-scale urban migration
 - (iv) Improvement in agricultural output
- (c) John Wycliffe was associated with
 - (i) Reformist Movement
 - (ii) Lollards Movement
 - (iii) Suffragette Movement
 - (iv) Symbolist Movement
 - (d) The Statute of Labourers was passed by the British Parliament in
 - (i) 1351
 - (ii) 1350
 - (iii) 1349
 - (iv) 1352

- (e) Which one of the following is not considered as an impact of printing?
 - (i) Democratization of reading
 - (ii) Secularization of reading
 - (iii) Standardization of English language
 - (iv) Limiting accessibility of books to the common people
- (f) An Apology for Poetry is also known as
 - (i) A Defence of Poetry
 - (ii) The Defence of Poesy
 - (iii) In Defence of Poetry
 - (iv) Defence of English Poetry
- (g) The Famous History of Sir Thomas Wyatt was written by John Webster in collaboration with
 - (i) Christopher Marlowe
 - (ii) Thomas Nashe
 - (iii) Thomas Dekker
 - (iv) Sir Francis Bacon

- (h) Who, out of these four, is considered a prominent dramatist of Restoration Comedy?
 - (i) Thomas Kyd
 - (ii) Thomas Moore
 - (iii) George Etherge
 - (iv) Christopher Marlowe

UNIT---I

2. Answer any one of the following:

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- (a) Discuss the role of the Church in the social life of Medieval England.
- (b) Discuss the effects of the Norman Conquest of 1066 on English feudal system.
- (c) Give an account of the development of Medieval theatre of England with special reference to mystery, miracle and morality plays.

UNIT-II

- 3. Answer any one of the following: 12
 - (a) Discuss the phases of the poetical career of Geoffrey Chaucer.
 - (b) Present a brief history of printing in England with special reference to William Caxton.
 - (c) Present an evaluation of the Medieval Romances with special reference to 'Matter of France'.

UNIT-III

- 4. Answer any one of the following: 12
 - (a) Prepare a note on explorations and discoveries during the Renaissance and show how they helped in establishing colonies.
 - (b) Prepare a note on the Elizabethan Sonnet tradition with special reference to Thomas Wyatt and Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey.

(c) Prepare an illustrative note on Renaissance Humanism.

UNIT-IV

5. Answer any one of the following:

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- (a) Present a critical assessment of the Cavalier poets and analyze their treatment of the theme of Carpe Diem.
- (b) Discuss the role of the Long and the Rump Parliament in the Civil War of England from 1642 to 1649.
- (c) Make an assessment of women's writing in 17th century England with special reference to Aphra Behn.

UNIT-V

6. Answer any one of the following:

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(a) Prepare a note on the development of drama during the Restoration period.

- (b) Make an evaluation of Restoration Comedy with special reference to William Congreve.
- (c) Present a critical evaluation of either George Herbert or John Donne as metaphysical poets.
- 7. Write short notes on any four of the following: 4×4=16
 - (a) Demesne
 - (b) Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
 - (c) Tottel's Miscellany
 - (d) Peasants' Revolt
 - (e) Marprelate Controversy
 - (f) John Dryden
