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M A DEGREE (CSS) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2021

First Semester

CORE - EN010101 - UP UNTIL CHAUCER: EARLY LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

M A ENGLISH, M A ENGLISH (SF)

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Time: 3 Hours

Part A (Short Answer Questions) Answer any eight questions. Weight 1 each.

- 1. Anglo Saxon language and its influence upon English.
- 2. How does the personification of the cross in The Dream of the Rood help convey the poem's hopeful theme?
- 3. What events, heroes, legends and myths are mentioned in "Deor's Lament"?
- 4. Write a note on the anachronistic features of the York Play of the Crucifixion.
- 5. The theme of good vs evil in the Robin Hood plays.
- 6. Comment on the title of "Sunset on Calvary".
- 7. Comment on the valor of Beowulf.
- 8. How does the Prologue function in The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales?
- 9. What idea do we get/'jugements' (judgements) we can make about the Wife of Bath as she is portrayed in the General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales?
- 10. What are the contributions of John Gower as an early English poet?

(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

Answer any six questions.

Weight 2 each.

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- 11. How effectively is prosopopoeia employed in "The Dream of the Rood?
- 12. Write a short note on "The Husband's Message" as an elegy.
- 13. Analyse "Noah's Flood" as a mystery play.





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- 14. Comment on the comedy in the York Play of Crucifixion.
- 15. Comment on the Christian elements in "The Maiden in the mor lay".
- 16. What were the answers that the knight received when he asked the question about what women most desire?
- 17. Chaucer's Troilus and Criseyde is considered the source of the phrase, "All good things must come to an end." Comment.
- 18. Meaning and significance of the title Confessio Amantis.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions) Answer any two questions. Weight 5 each.

- 19. Evaluate 'The Dream of Rood' as a typical Anglo-Saxon literary product.
- 20. Compare and contrast Chester's Play of Noah's Flood and the York Play of the Crucifixion.
- 21. Elaborate upon the 'Parables of Power' in The Wife of Bath's Prologue and her tale.
- 22. Compare/Contrast the original myth of Narcissus with the version John Gower gives.

(2×5=10 weightage)