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M.A. DEGREE (C.S.S) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019

First Semester

Faculty of Language and Literature

ENGLISH

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

2019 Admission Onwards

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Maximum Weight: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

Answer any eight questions.

Weight 1 each.

- 1. Short note on the Riddles in the Exeter Book.
- 2. In The Dream of the Rood what does the cross want to do when it first sees Christ?
- 3. What is the moral of "Deor's Lament"?
- 4. The theme of Caedmon's songs.
- How does Julian of Norwich's 'God as Mother' and 'Our Language for God' critique the patriarchy 5. inherent in the language(s) of the Bible?
- What is the significance of King Arthur's dream in Book 5 of Le Morte D' Arthur? 6.
- Describe the atmosphere of Heorot the evening after the fight; culminating with everyone going to bed 7. in Part 18 of Beowulf.
- 8. Discuss Chaucer's narrative art with special reference to The Canterbury Tales.
- With reference to 'The Prologue to the tale told by the Wife of Bath', what is the purpose of the 9.
- Pardoner's interruption?
- 10. How is movement explored in 'The Vision of Piers Plowman'?

 $(8 \times 1 = 8 \text{ weightage})$

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

Answer any six questions. Weight 2 each.

- 11. Comment on the famous legends on the Germanic times used in "Deor's Lament".
- 12. Write a short note on the history of Anglo- Saxon England.
- 13. Explain the revelation of Caedmon.

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Time: 3 Hours



- 14. Humanity of Christ in "The York Play of Crucifixion"?
- 15. How does Sir Orfeo transform the Orpheus myth?
- 16. Is the punishment given to the knight in the Wife of Bath's tale a fitting one? Explain.
- 17. Wife of Bath's prologue itself is a tale on its own. Discuss.
- 18. Analyse Piers the Plowman as a dream allegory.

 $(6 \times 2 = 12 \text{ weightage})$

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions. Weight 2 each.

- 19. The Dream of the Rood, how, exactly, does the author make Christianity (and the figure of Christ) appealing to a warrior culture?
- 20. What was the significance of King Alfred's Preface to the Pastoral Care?
- 21. Comment on Wife of Bath's opinion on virginity and multiple marriages.
- 22. Compare/Contrast the original myth of Narcissus with the version John Gower gives.

 $(2 \times 5 = 10 \text{ weightage})$