

**BA ENGLISH
SEMESTER-1ST
HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE
BEN-103**

Duration: 3 Hrs.

Marks: 70

Part : A (Objective) = 20

Part : B (Descriptive) = 50

[PART-B : Descriptive]

Duration: 2 Hrs. 40 Mins.

Marks: 50

[Answer question no. One (1) & any four (4) from the rest]

1. Why is the study of the history of English Literature necessary for a better understanding of literature? Name at least six periods in English Literature. Mention the names of two important writers from each age and two works by each of the writers. 4+6=10
2. What are the four categories into which the dramatic works of William Shakespeare have been classified? Write a brief note on the three stages of William Shakespeare's writing career, mentioning at least one work from each career. Attempt a short note on the literature of the Elizabethan Age 2+3+5=10
3. Write a short note on the Restoration of 1660. Write a short note on women's writing in 17th century England. 5+5=10
4. Why is the Neo-Classical Age named so? Explain in details the characteristics of Neo-Classical or 18th century literature. Write a brief note on Restoration comedy. 2+5+3=10
5. Name at least three poets who are considered as early Romantic poets and wrote before the publication of the *Lyrical Ballads*. Write a short note on the characteristics of William Wordsworth's poetry. Very briefly comment on the rise of the novel in 18th century England. 2+5+3=10
6. Write a short note on Metaphysical poetry. Write a note on the religious poetry of the Puritan Age with special reference to John Milton and John Bunyan. 5+5=10
7. Explain in short the characteristics of the Victorian Age. Write a note on Lord Alfred Tennyson's poems *In Memoriam* and *Idylls of the Kings*. 5+5=10
8. Name three major novelists of the Victorian Age. Write a brief note on the life of Charles Dickens and name at least three of his novels. Write a note on other novelists of the Victorian Age. 2+5+3=10

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[PART-A : Objective]

I. Choose the correct answer from the following :

1X20=20

1. Which age of literature does William Shakespeare belong to?
 - a. The Romantic Age
 - b. The Age of Chaucer
 - c. The Elizabethan Age
 - d. The Victorian Age
2. Who among the following was a novelist?
 - a. Edmund Spenser
 - b. Charles Dickens
 - c. William Wordsworth
 - d. Samuel Johnson
3. *The Canterbury Tales* was written by
 - a. Geoffrey Chaucer
 - b. Jane Austen
 - c. W M Thackeray
 - d. Johnathan Swift
4. Which among the following is a morality play?
 - a. *A Tale of a Tub*
 - b. *Great Expectations*
 - c. *Othello*
 - d. *Everyman*
5. John Milton belonged to which age in English Literature?
 - a. The Puritan Age
 - b. The Romantic Age
 - c. The Anglo-Saxon Age
 - d. The Anglo-Norman Age
6. What was the Black Death?
 - a. A fire
 - b. Plague
 - c. A War
 - d. A Revolution
7. Who among the following was **not** a 'Lake Poet'?
 - a. William Wordsworth
 - b. Robert Southey
 - c. Samuel Taylor Coleridge
 - d. John Keats
8. What is the *Tottel's Miscellany*?
 - a. A novel
 - b. An anthology of poems
 - c. A music album
 - d. A Restoration comedy
9. Who among the following was published in the *Tottel's Miscellany*?
 - a. Samuel Pepys
 - b. Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey
 - c. Christopher Marlowe
 - d. Charlotte Bronte
10. On whose death did Lord Alfred Tennyson begin writing *In Memoriam*?
 - a. Arthur Hallam
 - b. William Wordsworth
 - c. Geoffrey Chaucer
 - d. Queen Elizabeth
11. What is the source of *Paradise Lost*?
 - a. A medieval romance
 - b. The book of Genesis from The Bible
 - c. His childhood
 - d. Greek legends
12. What is the literal meaning of Renaissance?
 - a. Journey
 - b. Trouble
 - c. Freedom
 - d. Rebirth
13. Who was the poet laureate of England after Robert Southey?
 - a. William Wordsworth
 - b. Lord Byron
 - c. Johnathan Swift
 - d. Charles II
14. What was restored during the Restoration of 1660?
 - a. Christianity
 - b. The crown of Queen Anne
 - c. Monarchy
 - d. Poetry

15. Which of the following books was written by Jonathan Swift?
 a. *Gulliver's Travels*
 b. *Hamlet*
 c. *Doctor Faustus*
 d. *The Pearl*
16. Which of the following poems was written in the Spenserian stanza?
 a. *The Faerie Queene*
 b. *King James' Bible*
 c. *The Dunciad*
 d. *The Romance of the Rose*
17. William Caxton is associated with which of the following technologies?
 a. The spinning wheel
 b. The steam engine
 c. The printing press
 d. Photography
18. Ben Jonson is considered to be the foremost dramatist in which tradition?
 a. The comedy of humours
 b. The comedy of manners
 c. The revenge tragedy
 d. The situational comedy
19. Who among the following was **not** a seventeenth century woman writer?
 a. George Eliot
 b. Aphra Behn
 c. Katherine Phillips
 d. None of the above
20. Who was the writer of *Origin of Species*?
 a. Charles Dickens
 b. Charles Darwin
 c. Charles Lamb
 d. John Locke

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[PART (A) : OBJECTIVE]

Duration : 20 Minutes

Serial no. of the main Answer sheet

Course :

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Instructions / Guidelines

- The paper contains twenty (20) / ten (10) questions.
- Students shall tick (✓) the correct answer.
- No marks shall be given for overwrite / erasing.
- Students have to submit the Objective Part (Part-A) to the invigilator just after completion of the allotted time from the starting of examination.

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20	

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