

**BA ENGLISH
SEMESTER-1ST
OLD AND MIDDLE ENGLISH PERIOD: LITERARY TEXTS
BEN-105**

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. Describe in detail the themes, motifs and symbols used in Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. 10
2. Name the three types of plays prevalent in medieval England. Give a brief description of the morality play with two examples. How does Everyman qualify as morality play and how does the character atone for his sins? 2+3+5=10
3. To which kingdom did Beowulf belong and why was he willing to help Hrothgar defeat Grendel? Describe the destruction caused by Grendel. How did Beowulf defeat him? 2+3+5=10
4. Define the word covenant. What was the condition laid down by the Green Knight in Arthur's court? Describe the events that happened during Gawain's stay in the castle of Bertilak. 2+2+6=10
5. What did Pertelote say to Chanticleer after he told her about his nightmare? Briefly write about the theory of humours that was popular in medieval England? Describe the examples of dreams given by Chanticleer to prove that dreams can foretell some ill-fated event. 2+3+5=10
6. Explain the following lines from Beowulf with reference to the context: 5+5=10
 - a. When I was younger,
I had great triumphs. Then news of Grendel,
Hard to ignore, reached me at home
Sailors brought stories of the plight you suffer
 - b. The intruder who broached the dragon's treasure
And moved him to wrath had never meant to.
It was desperation on the part of a slave
Fleeing the heavy hand of some master
7. Write short notes on the following: 5+5=10
 - a. Geoffrey Chaucer
 - b. Mock heroic
8. Give a brief summary of Everyman's journey. Explain the following lines from Everyman:- 5+5=10

Take example, all ye that this do hear or see
How they that I loved best do forsake me,
Except my Good Deeds that bideth truly

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[PART-A : Objective]

I. Choose the correct answer from the following :

1X20=20

1. Why does Everyman have to face God?
 - a. God is lonely
 - b. He must face his reckoning
 - c. He is dying
 - d. It is the order of things
2. Who does the messenger talk to at the beginning of the play Everyman?
 - a. Himself
 - b. God
 - c. The Audience
 - d. Everyman
3. In Everyman, who calls Death on Stage?
 - a. Everyman
 - b. Mankind
 - c. Messenger
 - d. God
4. What does God say Everyman must take upon himself?
 - a. A pilgrimage
 - b. A walk
 - c. A visit
 - d. A journey
5. What does Death tell Everyman he has to bring on his journey?
 - a. His book of count
 - b. Bible
 - c. Clothes
 - d. His wife
6. Beowulf was written by a poet during _____ period
 - a. Renaissance
 - b. Anglo-Norman
 - c. Anglo-Saxon
 - d. None of the above
7. The word "thane" means
 - a. Dragon
 - b. Ogre
 - c. King
 - d. Knight
8. _____ was the warrior who doubted the bravery of Beowulf
 - a. Hygelac
 - b. Hrothgar
 - c. Unferth
 - d. Grendel
9. Why did the dragon attack the kingdom of Beowulf?
 - a. Because it wanted to avenge Grendel's death by killing Beowulf
 - b. Because it wanted to own the riches of Beowulf's kingdom
 - c. Because a slave had stolen a golden cup from its lair
 - d. Because it liked to burn cities
10. Heorot was the _____ of Hrothgar
 - a. Thane
 - b. Kingdom
 - c. Mead hall
 - d. Marsh land
11. Chaucer's The Nun's Priest's Tale is an example of _____
 - a. A heroic poem
 - b. A beast fable
 - c. An epic
 - d. A satire
12. The Nun's Priest's Tale is a part of _____
 - a. Beowulf
 - b. The Arthurian Romances
 - c. The Canterbury Tales
 - d. Pearl
13. Which of the following was not written by Geoffrey Chaucer?
 - a. The House of Fame
 - b. The Shepherd's Calender
 - c. The Legend of Good Women
 - d. The Book of the Duchess
14. How many wives did Chanticleer have?
 - a. Five
 - b. Six
 - c. Seven
 - d. Eight

15. Daun Russell, the villain in The Nun's Priest's Tale is _____
- A dog
 - A goose
 - A cart driver
 - A fox
16. King Arthur's wife was _____
- Morgan
 - Guinevere
 - Gringolet
 - The young lady in Bertilak's castle
17. What was the gift given by the wife of Bertilak that Gawain had kept hidden from her husband?
- The head of a boar
 - A gold ring
 - A girdle
 - An axe
18. Who was the old lady that Gawain came across in the castle of the host?
- The host's mother
 - The host's wife
 - Morgan in disguise
 - Guinevere in disguise
19. Where was Gawain supposed to meet the Green Knight?
- Green Chapel
 - Bertilak's castle
 - Camelot
 - None of the above
20. After the return of Gawain, why did the Knights of the Round Table uniformly begin to wear green coloured belts ?
- To honour the Green Knight
 - Because they became close to Nature
 - To honour Gawain's adventure that tested his virtues
 - Because it was a fashion to wear green belts

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[PART (A) : OBJECTIVE]

Duration : 20 Minutes

Serial no. of the
main Answer sheet

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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.

| Full Marks | Marks Obtained |
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| 20 | |

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