

BA ENGLISH
FIRST SEMESTER [SPECIAL REPEAT]
OLD AND MIDDLE ENGLISH LITERATURE: LITERARY TEXTS
BEN - 105

SET
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[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

(PART-A: Objective)

Time: 30 min.

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1×20=20

1. Which text is an example of a poem structured as a vision to convey the theme of salvation?
 - a. The Battle of Maldon
 - b. The Wanderer
 - c. The Seafarer
 - d. The Dream of the Rood
2. In the play, Everyman goes in search of:
 - a. The perfect wife
 - b. A willing companion in death
 - c. The understanding of Death
 - d. The perfect occupation
3. Which character's monologue ends the play, Everyman?
 - a. Death
 - b. Good-deeds
 - c. Everyman
 - d. The Doctor
4. The History of English Literature started with which period?
 - a. Anglo-Norman Period
 - b. The Renaissance
 - c. The Anglo-Saxon Period
 - d. The Elizabethan Period
5. What is Everyman, the allegorical character meant to symbolize?
 - a. The Devil
 - b. Lack of faith
 - c. Human Sin
 - d. God's Wrath
6. Which of the following was the closest contemporary of Chaucer?
 - a. William Langland
 - b. John Gower
 - c. Wycliffe
 - d. John Barbour
7. Who called Chaucer "the father of English poetry"?
 - a. Arnold
 - b. Spenser
 - c. John Gower
 - d. Dryden
8. What is the moral of the Nun's Priest's Tale?
 - a. Never trust a flatterer
 - b. Honesty is the best policy
 - c. All that glitters is not gold
 - d. A stitch in time saves nine
9. For what is the rooster named Chanticleer in Nun's Priest's Tale renowned?
 - a. Escaping the coop
 - b. Predicting the weather
 - c. Crowning exactly on time
 - d. Fierce fighting
10. The last Romans left the place now known as Britain by about.....
 - a. 480 CE
 - b. 490 CE
 - c. 460 CE
 - d. 410 CE

11. Which of the following does not belong to the Heptarchy?
 a. Sussex
 b. East Mercia
 c. East Anglia
 d. Kent
12. King Alfred reigned over
 a. Northumbria
 b. Brittany
 c. Essex
 d. Wessex
13. For how many winters did Grendel bring mayhem upon the Danes?
 a. 10
 b. 11
 c. 12
 d. 13
14. Sir Gawain's shield is decorated with
 a. A quadrangular star and a portrait of Christ.
 b. A pentangular star and a portrait of St. Francis of Assisi
 c. A pentangular star and a portrait of Mary
 d. None of the preceding
15. Grendel's was/were hung in Heorot following the fight between him and Beowulf.
 a. Arm
 b. Thigh
 c. Wrist
 d. Fingers
16. Which of the following is true of Sir Gawain?
 a. He is the cousin of Morgan le Fay
 b. He is the nephew of King Arthur
 c. He secretly admires Queen Guinevere
 d. He is a knight of the Inner Circle
17. Initially, Gawain wears the silk girdle thinking that it wouldhim from all harm.
 a. Deliver
 b. Convey
 c. Snipe
 d. Retract
18. Heardred is the of King Hygelac and Queen Hygd.
 a. Son-in-law
 b. Son
 c. Retainer
 d. Nephew
19. Heorot was a
 a. Mead hall
 b. Private chamber for entertainment
 c. Prayer hall
 d. None of the preceding
20. Offa is the king of the
 a. Jutes
 b. Frisians
 c. Geats
 d. Angles

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(PART-B : Descriptive)

Time : 2hrs 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

1. Comment on the narrative technique used by Chaucer in "Nun's Priest's Tale". 10
2. What is a morality play? Comment on Everyman as a morality play. 3+7=10
3. Discuss the salient features of Anglo Saxon and Anglo Norman Period. 5+5=10
4. What are the principal allegorical figures in the play, Everyman? Elaborate your answer with reference to the play. 10
5. The history of (what is now) England after the Roman withdrawal has been one of invasions. Would you agree? Discuss. 1+9=10
6. Write short notes on the following: 5+5=10
 - a) The Heptarchy
 - b) King Alfred the Great
7. How many times does the Green Knight swing his axe at Gawain? Comment upon the significance of each. 1+9=10
8. Comment upon the significance of Beowulf coming to the aid of Hrothgar and Wiglaf coming to the aid of Beowulf. 5+5=10

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