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**2017**

**End Semester (B.A. English) Examination**

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

**HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE**

Full Marks- 70

Pass Marks- 21

Time- 3 hours

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*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**PART- A**

**Q.1. Answer all questions:**

**16 x 1 = 16**

- What is the first English lyric?
- The word Anglo- Saxon was first used by \_\_\_\_\_ in his book *History of Britain*.
- Name two great poets of the Northumbrian school of writers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is called the first English national poet.
- Who ruled England during the Elizabethan Age?
- Who wrote *The Shepherdes Calender*?
- Which movement led to the rebirth of the moral nature of the man following the intellectual awakening in Europe in the fifteenth and sixteenth century?
- To which age did John Dryden belong to?
- Write the names of any two major Victorian novelists along with their works.
- The sentimental novel is also called "novel of \_\_\_\_\_"
- The Romantic period saw the depopulation of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the rapid development of \_\_\_\_\_
- It was in the \_\_\_\_\_ era that the novel became the leading literary genre in English.
- Like modernism, postmodernism also believes the view that there is no absolute \_\_\_\_\_ and that it is relative.
- English literary modernism developed in the early twentieth-century out of a general sense of satisfaction/ disillusionment/ecstasy with Victorian era attitudes of certainty, conservatism, and belief in the idea of objective truth.
- The Modern Age saw the rise of the social novel/ working class novel.
- Name two playwrights who wrote absurd plays.

**PART- B**

**Answer the following:**

**7x2=14**

- Q2.** a) Why is Chaucer best known as the writer of *The Canterbury Tales*? Discuss.
- b) “The landscape is often prominent in the poetry of this period, so much so that the Romantics, especially perhaps Wordsworth, are often described as nature poets.” Discuss the above statement with reference to Romantic poets and their works.

**PART – C**

**Answer the following:**

**10x4=40**

**Q 3.** (a) Why is *Beowulf* a work for all time?

OR

(b) Tell in your own words the general qualities of Anglo-Saxon poetry. How did it differ in its metrical form from modern poetry?

**Q 4.** (a) Discuss the literary characteristics of the Elizabethan Age.

OR

(b) The Eighteenth Century is known as ‘an age of prose and satire.’ Elucidate.

**Q 5.** (a) Write a note on the historical background of the Victorian period. What are the major events that took place during the Victorian period?

OR

(b) What is Romanticism? What are the characteristic features of the Romantic period?

**Q6.** (a) Describe modernism. Throw some light on the beginning of modernism and elucidate the features of modernism.

OR

(b) What is postmodernism? What are the characteristics of Postmodern Literature?