

B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
NOVEMBER 2023.

Second Semester

English - Core

HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2021 - 2022)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. "The Dream of the Rood" was written by _____
 (a) Cynewulf
 (b) Caedmon
 (c) Beowulf
 (d) King Athelred

2. _____ poem shows the hardships as well as the thrills of ocean life.
 (a) The Far Traveller
 (b) Juliana
 (c) The Seafarer
 (d) Elene
3. 'The Matter of Rome' deals with the life and achievements of
 (a) Charlemagne
 (b) Alexander the great
 (c) King Arthur
 (d) King Alfred
4. Harold was defeated by _____
 (a) Geoffrey of Monmonth
 (b) William Normandy
 (c) Alexander the great
 (d) King Arthur
5. 'The Morte d'Arthur' is by _____
 (a) Sir Thomas More
 (b) Sir Thomas Malory
 (c) Robert Henryson
 (d) Douglas

6. Spenser's Sonnet 'The Amoretti' describes his courtship of the Irish girl _____
 (a) Victoria (b) Elizabeth
 (c) Queen Anne (d) Mary
7. In 'The Hind and the Panther', the panther stands for _____
 (a) The Anglican church
 (b) The Roman Catholics
 (c) The Whigs
 (d) The Tories
8. 'The City Night Piece' was written by _____
 (a) Johnson (b) Addison
 (c) Steele (d) Goldsmith
9. Coleridge's _____ is the story of a young girl captured by an unearthly demon in woman's shape.
 (a) Kubla khan
 (b) The Rime of the Ancient Mariner
 (c) Christabel
 (d) Biographia Literaria

10. _____ is the youngest poet of the Romantic Age.
 (a) Keats (b) Shelley
 (c) Byron (d) Wordsworth

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write a note on Old English poetry "Beowulf".
 Or
 (b) Write a paragraph on the contribution made by King Alfred to Old English prose.
12. (a) Discuss the contribution of Geoffrey of Monmouth towards literature.
 Or
 (b) Explain the unique feature of the East Midland dialect that prevailed in Chaucer's age.
13. (a) Write a brief note on Shakespeare's contribution to the Elizabethan Literature.
 Or
 (b) Write a short note on Philip Sidney's Poetry.

14. (a) Write briefly on John Bunyan as a Puritan prose writer.

Or

(b) Sketch briefly on William Congreve as a Restoration Dramatist.

15. (a) Write a short note on the characteristic features of the Victorian Age.

Or

(b) Consider D.G. Rossetti as a Pre-Raphaelite poet.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Write an essay on the secular and Christian poems of the Old English period.

Or

(b) Trace the three races which came to England during the Anglo-Saxon period.

17. (a) Write an essay on Middle English poetry.

Or

(b) Bring out the contribution of the prose writers during the Chaucerian age.

18. (a) Consider Francis Bacon as an essayist.

Or

(b) Write an essay on the poets of the Elizabethan Literature.

19. (a) Write an essay on 'Alexander Pope's Works'.

Or

(b) Give a general estimate of John Dryden as a critic.

20. (a) Consider Jane Austen as a Domestic novelist.

Or

(b) Critically analyze the contribution of Victorian Novelists (Hardy, Dickens, and Eliot) to English Literature.
