

M A DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2014 -15
SEMESTER -1 ENGLISH
COURSE: P1ENGT01: CHAUCER AND THE ROOTS OF
ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 75

Part A

I. Answer any **FIVE** of the following, each in a paragraph of about 50 words:-

- 1.The branches of the Indo-European family of languages
- 2.Gradation or Ablaut
- 3.The Venerable Bede
- 4.Old English Grammar
- 5.The 'Gawain' poet
- 6.French influence on Middle English spelling
- 7.Translate into idiomatic Modern English:

And though that he were worthy, he
was wys,
And of his port as meek as is a
mayde.
He nevere yet no vileinye ne sayde
In al his lyf, un-to no maner wight.

8. Middle English dialects (5 x 3 = 15)

Part B

II. Write short essays of about 100 words on any **FIVE** of the following:-

9. Grimm's Law
10. Latin influence on English
11. Lyric poetry in Old English
12. Contributions of Bible translators
13. Changes in Middle English pronunciation
14. The Knight and the tradition of chivalric romances
15. Middle English Ballads
16. Chaucer's language

(5 x 6 = 30)

Part C

III. Write essays of about 300 words each on any **TWO** of the following:-

17. What is 'i-mutation' or 'Umlaut'? Trace its impact on English language.
18. Consider Chaucer's "The Nun's Priest's Tale" as a beast fable in mock heroic form that critically examines the mores of contemporary society.

19. Old English literature represents the chaos and desire for order that characterized the world that provided it with a context and background. Elucidate.

20. Trace the descent of English.

(15 x 2 = 30)