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M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - OCTOBER 2019 SEMESTER 1 : ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

COURSE: 16P1ENGT01: CHAUCER AND THE ROOTS OF ENGLISH

(For Regular - 2019 Admission and Supplementary - 2016/2017/2018 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

Section A Write a short note on any 6 (3 marks each)

- 1. Make a note on Edward the Confessor.
- 2. Oxford University and the development of English.
- 3. John Wycliffe's contributions to English language
- 4. Write a note on East Midland dialect.
- 5. Comment on the Tabard Inn.
- 6. Make a note on Germanic family of languages.
- 7. How did West Saxon become the major dialect of Old English?
- 8. Write a short note on Caedmon.
- 9. William Langland as a contemporary of Chaucer

 $(3 \times 6 = 18)$

Section B Attempt a Paragraph on any 5 (6 marks each)

- 10. How did England handle the fluctuating religious orientations during the Middle English period?
- 11. How did the attempts at translating the Bible reform English language in general?
- 12. Discuss the French and the Latin influences on English during the Middle English Period.
- 13. Write a note on Chaucer's language.
- 14. Write a note on satire in Canterbury Tales
- 15. Compare and contrast Chaucer's Knight with Prioress
- 16. Consider Old English as an inflected language.
- 17. Comment on Venerable Bede and his contributions.

 $(6 \times 5 = 30)$

Section C Attempt an Essay on any 1 (12 marks each)

- 18. Examine the middle English characters portrayed by Chaucer
- 19. Chaucer's Canterbury Tales reflects his century not in fragments but in its entirety. Discuss
- 20. Write an essay on the Viking invasion of England and the influence of their language on English.

Section D Attempt an Essay on any 1 (15 marks each)

- 21. Write an essay on Indo-European family of languages.
- 22. Discuss the influence of Renaissance on English language and literature.
- 23. How has Reformation made an impact on English language and literature?

 $(15 \times 1 = 15)$