

2018

CBCS

1st Semester

ENGLISH

PAPER—C1T

(Honours)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

**British Poetry and Drama : Beginning to 14th Century  
and History of English Language**

1. Attempt any two questions : 2×10

(a) Give an account of Anglo-Saxon elegiac poetry.

(b) How do Beowulf's deeds, words and beliefs come together to make him a 'perfect' hero?

(Turn Over)

- (c) Write a brief essay on the classical influence on English language.
- (d) Write an essay on the French influence in the development of English language.

2. Answer *four* questions :

4×5

- (a) Assess the contribution of King Alfred to the development of English Prose.
- (b) What role do women play in *Beowulf*?
- (c) Give a brief account of Chaucer's works in the English period.
- (d) Discuss the nature and life-style of the Wife of Bath as depicted by Chaucer.
- (e) Write a note on Scandinavian place names and proper names.
- (f) Write a note on pre-Christian Latin loan words.

3. Answer any *ten* questions :

10×2

- (a) Who is Wife of Bath? What is her real name?

- (b) How has the Wife of Bath been described by Chaucer ?
- (c) What is the name of the fifth husband of the Wife of Bath ? How did she meet him ?
- (d) In which dialect is the Beowulf manuscript written ? Where is the manuscript preserved ?
- (e) Write the name of the first great English historian and the book written by him.
- (f) Why are the years 1066 and 1215 important in the history of English literature ?
- (g) What is the name of Beowulf's uncle ? Who was the king of Denmark at that time ?
- (h) Who are called Scottish Chaucerians and why ?
- (i) Write the name of a famous contemporary of Chaucer and his principal work.
- (j) Who are the writers of the following :
- (i) *Confessio Amantis* (ii) *Morte D'Arthur*.
- (k) Write the name of an Anglo-Saxon poem which

celebrates a mythological bird. With whom is the bird compared ?

(l) Give two examples Secandinarian loan words related to law.

(m) Give two examples of French loan words.

(n) Write philological note on any *one* of the following :

Egg, Dream, Gospel.

(o) Give the Latin forms of the following native adjectives :

(i) fatherly (ii) heavenly (iii) daily (iv) brotherly.

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