

M.A. Part-II Examination, 2013

ENGLISH

PAPER— Opt-II

Full Marks : 100

Time : 4 hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks
Candidates are required to give their answers in their
own words as far as practicable*

1. Answer any *five* of the following questions : 16 × 5
- (a) Critically comment upon the religious vision of the poet in *Pearl*.
 - (b) Consider *Piers Plowman* as a Christ figure.
 - (c) *The Owl and the Nightingale* is an avian debate as to the benefits each confers on humankind. Discuss.

(Turn Over)

- (d) How does Everyman prepare himself to submit his book of account before God ?
- (e) Write a short essay on the important themes of *Havelok, the Dane*.
- (f) Consider *Sir Gandain and the Green Knight* as a medieval romance.
- (g) Briefly narrate the story of Chauntecleer's capture by and escape from the colfox.
- (h) Comment on Chaucer's narrative art in *Nun's Priest's Tale* knowledge of the Biblical, classical and medieval literature in *The Nun's Priest's Tale*.
- (i) Comment on the use of similes in *Le Brut* by Layamon.
- (j) Consider *Everyman* as a *Psychomachia*.
2. Comment on any *four* of the following : 5 × 4
- (a) They use the seven deadly sins damnable,
As pride, covetise, wrath and lechery.

- (b) It is said, 'In prosperity men friends may find,
Which in adversity be full unkind'.
- (c) But she for grace beyond compare
Is called the Phoenix of Araby,
- (d) Your beauty neither Nature's wit
Nor could Pygmalion's skill devise;
Never did Aristotle treat
In all his works such properties.
- (e) Her only medicine was a temperate diet,
And exercise, and a contented heart.
- (f) Nothing, God knows, but nonsense is in dreams.