

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, MARCH 2021

FIRST YEAR [BATCH 2020-23]

ENGLISH (HONOURS)

PAPER : I [CC 1]

Date : 24/03/2021

Time : 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Full Marks : 50

Group : A

1. Answer **any five** of the following questions: [5 × 2]
- List the seven kingdoms of the Anglo-Saxon heptarchy.
 - List the four major Anglo-Saxon codices.
 - What was Beowulf's father's name? Why did Beowulf have to go to Hrothgar's help?
 - Who was the only warrior who stayed with Beowulf in his final battle? How did Beowulf reward him?
 - In which year did the Battle of Maldon occur? What was Byrhtnoth guilty of?
 - How many lines of Waldere remain today? Who was the author of the Latin poem Waltharius?
 - When did the Battle of Brunanburh take place? Name two of the main contestants.
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1 × 15]
- Write a note on Cynewulf or Caedmon as an Anglo-Saxon poet.
 - Comment on Aelfric or Wulfstan as an Anglo-Saxon prose writer.

Group B

3. Answer **any five** of the following questions: [5 × 2]
- How was the Green Knight dressed when he interrupted the feast at King Arthur's Court?
 - Name two Morality plays.
 - What is an interlude?
 - Name one prominent leader of the Peasants' Revolt of 1381. Who was the British monarch when the uprising took place?
 - State any two major Catholic ideas that was opposed by the Lollards in medieval England.
 - Why are the children afraid of the Summoner in Chaucer's *The General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales*? What does this signify?
 - Name the host of the Tabard Inn. Who interrupts the Host and insists on telling his story out of turn at the end of *The General Prologue*?
4. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1 × 15]
- Chaucer's *The General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales* depicts a satirical portrait of the medieval society. Discuss.
 - Do you think Sir Gawain emerges victorious at the end of his journey? Answer with reference to *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*.

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