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M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
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First Semester

English – Core

POETRY

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. "The Canterbury Tales", written by Geoffrey Chaucer, is a collection of stories told by a group of

- (a) Monks (b) Poets
(c) Tourists (d) Pilgrims

2. The first archbishop of Canterbury was

- (a) St. John
(b) St. Augustine
(c) Saint Thomas Becket
(d) St. Paul

3. "The Canterbury Tales" is a collection of twenty-four stories, about

- (a) 18,000 lines (b) 19,000 lines
(c) 17,000 lines (d) 16,000 lines

4. _____ is a mythical bird that was associated with immortality

- (a) The Skylark (b) The Dove
(c) The phoenix (d) The Nightingale

5. How many sonnets are there in "Epithalamion"?

- (a) 69 (b) 89
(c) 96 (d) 77

6. Who is the speaker in "A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning"?

- (a) John Donne (b) George Herber
(c) Edmund Spenser (d) Andrew Marvell



7. "Time's winged chariot" is an allusion to _____.

- (a) Apollo (b) Ares
(c) Zeus (d) Hermes

8. What is Satan's name in "Paradise Lost"?

- (a) Osiris (b) Astarte
(c) Lucifer (d) Beelzebub

9. The _____ in "Paradise Lost" are divine slaves of human temptation

- (a) Eve (b) Adam
(c) God (d) Angels

10. Achitophel tempts Absalom to overthrow his _____

- (a) Father (b) Mother
(c) Sister (d) Brother

11. How did David look upon Absalom?

- (a) With pleasure and indulgence
(b) With indifference
(c) With curiosity
(d) With jealousy

12. Achitophel unites wits and _____

- (a) looks (b) madness
(c) intellect (d) charm

13. "The Whitsun Weddings" is an account of a train journey the speaker makes from Hull to _____

- (a) Rye (b) London
(c) Cambridge (d) Oxford

14. "Hawk Roosting" poem is a _____

- (a) dialogue
(b) Soliloquy
(c) Dramatic monologue
(d) monologue

15. What type of poem is "Digging"?

- (a) Ode (b) elegy
(c) biographical (d) autobiographical

PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) What kind of character is Chaucer in "Canterbury Tales"?

Or

(b) Write a note on the three main characters in the story of the "Pardoner's Tale".



17. (a) What is the main theme of The Canonization?

Or

- (b) Sketch a note on the conclusion of the poem *A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning*.

18. (a) Who is the main character in "To His Coy Mistress"?

Or

- (b) What is the sin in "Paradise Lost" Book IX?

19. (a) Sketch the character of Achitophel.

Or

- (b) Give the significance of the title *Ode on a Distant Prospect of Eton College*?

20. (a) What is the theme of "In memory of WB Yeats"?

Or

- (b) State the meaning behind *Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night*?

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

21. (a) Write about the Pardoner in "Canterbury Tales".

Or

- (b) Explain the writing style of Chaucer with special reference to Canterbury Tales.

22. (a) How does the speaker in "Canonization" use religious terms to prove his saintliness? Discuss.

Or

- (b) Prove *A Valediction Forbidding Mourning* as a metaphysical poem.

23. (a) Is it possible to defend the idea that Satan is the true hero of "Paradise Lost"? Explain why or why not.

Or

- (b) Prove *To His Coy Mistress* as a metaphysical poem.

24. (a) Elaborate on the writing style of "Absalom and Achitophel".

Or

- (b) Write an essay on the literary devices used in *Ode on a Distant Prospect of Eton College*.

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25. (a) Write about the historical background of *Whitsun Weddings*.

Or

(b) Justify the title of the poem *Anthem for Doomed Youth*.

