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**First Semester B.A. Degree Examination, November 2018**  
**First Degree Programme Under CBCSS**  
**English Language and Literature and**  
**English and Communicative English – 2(a)**  
**Complementary Course**  
**EN 1131/CG 1131 – HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE – 1**  
**(Common for EN 1131/CG 1131)**  
**(2013 Admission Onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions, **each** in a word or a sentence.

- 1) Which is one of the oldest and perhaps the longest poem in the English language ?
- 2) Name the poem which is considered to be Cynewulf's masterpiece.
- 3) Who inspired the writing of the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* ?
- 4) Name the greatest figure in prose during the Anglo-Saxon period.
- 5) Who was crowned King of England on Christmas Day 1066 ?
- 6) Who used English language during the period of Norman Conquest ?
- 7) Mention the names of the three Italian writers who inspired Chaucer.
- 8) Who is the author of *Confessio Amantis* ?
- 9) Name the most famous Morality play.
- 10) Who translated More's *Utopia* into English ? **(10×1=10 Marks)**

II. Answer **any eight**, **each** in a short paragraph **not** exceeding **50** words.

- 11) Comment on the significance of *Beowulf*.
- 12) The Viking invasions.
- 13) Venerable Bede.
- 14) William the Conqueror.



- 15) The Knight's Tale.
- 16) William Langland.
- 17) Mystery and Miracle plays.
- 18) Wyatt and Surrey.
- 19) Why is Spenser called a poet's poet ?
- 20) How does Ben Jonson define humour ?
- 21) How are Shakespearean plays divided ?
- 22) Wycliffe.

(8×2=16 Marks)

III. Answer **any six, each** in a paragraph **not** exceeding **100** words.

- 23) Chaucer's poetry can be classified on the basis of three clearly defined periods. Discuss.
- 24) Medieval Romances.
- 25) Discuss the major factors which facilitated the diffusion of Renaissance in England.
- 26) The Oxford Reformers.
- 27) The University Wits.
- 28) Bacon's fame mainly rests on his essays. Examine.
- 29) Edmund Spenser.
- 30) Explain the characteristics of Shakespearean tragedy.
- 31) Elizabethan theatre.

(6×4=24 Marks)

IV. Answer **any two, each** in about **three hundred** words.

- 32) Describe in detail the Norman Conquest and its major results.
- 33) *The Canterbury Tales* is Chaucer's anatomy of a society in flux. Elucidate.
- 34) Explain the main characteristics of the Elizabethan Age.
- 35) Reformation in England and its impact on English literature.

(2×15=30 Marks)