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First Semester M.A. Degree Examination, May 2023

English Language and Literature

Core Course : Paper I

EL 211 : CHAUCER TO THE ELIZABETHAN AGE

(2017-2021 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 75

I. Write short answer on **any five** of the following in about **50** words.

1. Consider "Prothalamion" as a marriage ode.
2. Why does Faustus make his bargain with devil?
3. How does Donne expose the hollowness of Petrarchan love in the poem "The Blossome."
4. What is Will's second dream?
5. What is Marvell's argument in his poem "To His Coy Mistress?"
6. Why does Hieronimo delay taking his revenge?
7. How does Bacon define truth?
8. Nature of utopian society.

(5 × 2 = 10 Marks)

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II. Comment critically on any **two** of the following choosing one form each group:

SECTION – A

9. Call us what you will, we are made such by love;

Call her one, me another fly,

We're tapers too, and at our own cost die

And we in us find the eagle and the dove.

The phœnix riddle hath more wit

By us: we two being one, are it.

10. So purely white they were,

That even the gentle stream, the which them bare,

Seemed foul to them, and bade his billows spare

To wet their silken feathers, lest they might

Soil their fair plumes with water not so fair,

And mar their beauties bright,

That shone as heaven's light,

Against their bridal day, which was not long:

SECTION – B

11. Had I as many souls as there be stars I'd give them all for Mephostophilis. By him I'll be great emperor of the world, And make a bridge through the moving air To pass the ocean with a band of men; I'll join the hills that bind the Afric shore And make that country continent to Spain, And both contributory to my crown; The Emperor shall not live but by my leave,

12. A man shall see, where there is a house full of children, one or two of the eldest respected, and the youngest made wantons; I but in the midst some that ate as it were forgotten, who many times nevertheless prove the best.

(2 × 5 = 10 Marks)

III. Write short notes on **any two** of the following in about **150** words.

13. The Monk in 'The Prologue."

14. Wyatt's treatment of love in "Farewell, Love.'

15. What is the function of poetry according to Sydney?

16. Character of Justice Clement.

(2 × 5 = 10 Marks)

IV. Write essays on any **three** of the following in about **500** words choosing one from each section.

SECTION – A

17. Consider Dr Faustus as a renaissance hero.

18. Theme of love and madness in *The Spanish Tragedy*.

19. "Chaucer's pilgrims are a microcosm of contemporary English society." Discuss.

(1 × 15 = 15 Marks)

SECTION – B

20. Bacon's essays are the outcome of his better understanding of human nature and wider experience of human life - elucidate.

21. Evaluate Sydney's *An Apologie for Poetry* as an epitome of renaissance criticism.

22. How is More's Utopia different from the present society?

(1 × 15 = 15 Marks)

SECTION – C

23. How does Cleanth Brooks state that "at its core, poetry is the language of paradox?"

24. Examine how Stephen Greenblatt, in his *Renaissance Self-Fashioning: From More to Shakespeare* studies the sixteenth-century life and literature that was instrumental in bringing forth a new era of scholarly inquiry.

25. Characteristics of Jacobean drama.

(1 × 15 = 15 Marks)