



KQ-7102

**M. A. (Sem. I) Examination,
December, 2024**

ENGLISH LITERATURE

PAPER - II

MAEN-CC-102

Chaucer to Milton

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

*Note : This question paper contains
two sections as under :*

SECTION - A

- 1 (i) What is the prize for winning the story telling contest in 'The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales' ?
- (ii) "My verse your virtues rare shall eternise". Whose verse and whose virtues are referred to in the above line ?
- (iii) What is the purpose of the play - within - the play in 'Hamlet' ?
- (iv) Why is Hamlet upset in the beginning of the play ?
- (v) What does Faustus demand from Mephistopheles in exchange for his soul ?
- (vi) What does Faustus do in his final moments before his death ?
- (vii) Give any two characteristic features of Bacon's essays.
- (viii) What does the term "Extasie" mean in Donne's poem 'The Extasie' ?

(ix) Who is the main architect of Pandemonium ?

(x) What does Satan mean when he declares that it is "Better to reign in Hell, than serve in Heav'n" ?

SECTION - B
UNIT - I

2 Explain with reference to the context, adding critical comments.

(i) Upon an amblere easily she sat,
Y-wympled wel, and on hir heed an hat
As brood as is a bokeler or a targe;
A foot mantle aboute his hips large,
And on hire feet a paire of spores sharpe.

(ii) One day I wrote her name upon the strand,
But came the waves and washed it away:
Again I wrote it with a second hand,
But came the tide, and made my pains his
prey.

2x8=16

OR

“Chaucer’s group of pilgrims mirrors a picture of the society of his times.” Discuss.

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UNIT - II

3 Explain with reference to the context, adding critical comments :

(i) But that dread of something after death-
The undiscover’d country, from whose
bourn

No traveller returns - puzzles the will,
And makes us rather bear those ills we
have

Than fly to others that we know not of ?

(ii) If thou didst ever hold me in thy heart,
Absent thee from felicity awhile,
And in this harsh world draw thy breath in
pain,

To tell my story.

2x8=16

OR

Write a note on Soliloques in ‘Hamlet’.

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UNIT - III

4 Explain with reference to the context, adding critical comments :

(i) Ah, stay, good Faustus, stay thy desperate stabs !

I see an angel hovers o'er thy head,
And, with a vial full of precious grace,
Offers to pour the same into thy soul :
Then call for mercy, and avoid despair.

(ii) But, Faustus, thou must bequeath it solemnly,

And write a deed of gift with thine own blood;

For that security craves great Lucifer.

If thou deny it, I will back to hell.

2x8=16

OR

What makes Dr. Faustus a tragic hero ?

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UNIT - IV

5 Explain with reference to the context, adding critical comments.

(i) Truth may perhaps come to the piece of a pearl that showeth best by day; but it will not rise to the piece of a diamond or carbuncle, that showeth best in varied lights.

(ii) We can die by it, if not live by love,
And if unfit for tombs and hearse
Our legends be, it will be fit for verse;
And if no piece of chronicle we prove,
We'll build in sonnets pretty rooms.

2x8=16

OR

Critically appreciate, Donne's poem 'A Valediction : Forbidding Mourning' or 'The Extasie'.

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UNIT - V

6 Explain with reference to the context, adding critical comments.

- (i) A dungeon horrible, on all sides round,
As one great furnace flamed; yet from
those flames
No light; but rather darkness visible
Served only to discover sights of woe,
Regions of sorrow; doleful shades, where
peace.
And rest can never dwell, hope never
comes
That comes to all, but torture without end
Still urges, and a fiery deluge, fed
With ever-burning sulphur unconsumed.
- (ii) "Fallen Cherub, to be weak is miserable,
Doing or suffering; but of this be sure -
To do aught good never will be our task,
But ever to do ill our sole delight,
As being the contrary to his high will
Whom we resist.

2x8=16

OR

What epic features do you find in Milton's 'Paradise Lost - Book I'. Discuss them with suitable illustrations.

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