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ENGLISH

Paper: ENGM010104 / ENGL010104

(ENGLISH LITERARY HISTORY AND SOCIAL HISTORY)

Full Marks: 60

Time: $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer the following questions:

1x7 = 7

- a) When did the Norman conquer England?
- b) Who is regarded as the father of English poetry?
- c) Which century does Geoffrey Chaucer represent in English Literature?
- d) Which tragedy of Shakespeare has the famous soliloguy "To be or not to be..."?
- e) With whom does William Wordsworth collaborate for the creation of *Lyrical Ballads*?
- f) Who wrote The Waste Land?
- g) The 18th Century is not called as an age of prose or reason. *True* or *False*?
- 2. Answer the following questions:

2x4 = 8

- a) Write two characteristics of morality plays.
- b) How does Wordsworth define poetry?
- c) Write two characteristics of Victorian Poetry?

- d) What is "stream of consciousness technique" in the novel?
- 3. Write briefly on the following (any three): 5x3=15
 - a) Assess Dickens as a Victorian Novelist.
 - b) Write a note on Renaissance and Enlightenment.
 - c) Write a short note on Beowulf.
 - d) What is 'Absurd Drama'?
 - e) What is Postcolonial Literature?
- 4. Answer *any three* from the following questions: 10x3=30
 - a) Discuss the characteristics of 'metaphysical poetry'.
 - b) How did the Victorian poets respond to the scientific advancements and challenges to religious beliefs of their time?
 - c) Discuss how the contemporary authors incorporate elements of popular culture into their narratives.
 - d) Write a note on how drama developed during the Elizabethan Period.
 - e) Who is Geoffrey Chaucer? Examine his contribution to English Literature.