

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2017
Semester-II
English
Course – H-4 (Core)
(Selections from Old English and Middle English Literature in
Translation and 15th Century English Literature)
(For Back Candidates)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer question no. **1** and **any three** other questions.

1. a) Wars play an integral role in Old English poetry. Discuss. 10
or
b) Comment on the use of monsters in *Beowulf*. 10
 2. a) Analyse issues of bravery and heroism in *Beowulf*. 10
or
b) Write short notes on **any two** of the following: 5+5=10
 - i) King Alfred
 - ii) “The seafarer”
 - iii) Saint’s Lives
 - iv) “The Battle of Maldon”
 - v) Alliterative Verse
 - vi) *The Anglo Saxon Chronicle*
 - vii) Old English Christian Poetry
 3. Comment on the representation of social manners and etiquette in *The Canterbury Tales*. 10
 4. (a) How does Langland’s critique of “fair field full of folk” echo contemporary worldview in *Piers Plowman*?
or
(b) Discuss the use of the chivalric tradition in *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. 10
 5. *Everyman* highlights the question of morality. Discuss. 10
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