

**B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2017**  
**Semester-II**  
**English**  
**Course – H-4 (Core)**  
**Old English and Middle English Literature (in translation)**  
**(For Regular Candidates)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 40**

*Questions are of equal value.*

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

1. a) Old English poetry primarily deals with war and religion. Discuss with reference to at least two texts. 10  

or

  
b) How does Middle English poetry represent contemporary social issues? 10  

or

  
c) Write short notes on **any two** of the following: 5+5=10
    - a) “The Wife’s Lament”
    - b) “Waldere”
    - c) “The Owl and the Nightingale”
    - d) *Everyman*
    - e) William Langland
    - f) Venerable Bede
  2. *Beowulf* uses the epic modes of travel and heroic deeds. Discuss. 10
  3. Chaucer’s *The Canterbury Tales* explores certain medieval social conventions and customs. Discuss. 10
  4. *Pearl* uses dream vision to highlight Christian doctrines. Discuss. 10
  5. *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* is a perfect example of the chivalric romance. Discuss. 10
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