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First Semester B.A. Degree Examination, January 2024

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature / English and Communicative English

Complementary Course – I

EN 1131 / CG 1131 : HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE – I

(EN 1131 : 2013 – 2019 Admission and CG 1131 : 2013 – 2021 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

Answer **all** questions, each in a word or sentences.

1. Which are the two major islands that constitute the British Isles in Europe.
2. Name the earliest races that settled down in Britain?
3. Which work is considered to be the chief authentic source of early English history?
4. Write down the names of any two poems of the pre-Christian era.
5. In which year did the Battle of Hastings take place?
6. Mention the names of any two alliterative poems written in West Midland dialect.
7. Mention any two works of John Gower.
8. What is the chief cause for the promotion of New Learning?
9. Name any two Renaissance reformers.
10. Name the critical treatise written by Sir Philip Sidney.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

SECTION – B

Answer any **eight** questions, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. Write a short note on Anglo Saxon poetry.
12. Comment on the relevance of *Beowulf* in Anglo Saxon poetry.
13. Write a short note on Dream of the Rood.
14. Write a short note on Anglo Saxon Chronicle.
15. Write a note on William of Normandy.
16. Write a note on the Battle of Hastings.
17. The Doomsday Book.
18. What is a Guild?
19. Write in detail about the classification of medieval romances.
20. Write the features of Edmund Spenser's poems.
21. What does the term university wits refer to?
22. Write in detail about John Donne's contributions to literature.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

SECTION – C

Answer any **six** questions, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.

23. Write a note on the Roman occupation in Britain.
24. Explain the Anglo Saxon settlement in Britain.
25. Write a note on the Battle of Edington.
26. The Tudors.

27. Explain the Common Law.
28. What was the status of women in the medieval period?
29. Who was William Langland?
30. What are the features of Elizabethan poetry?
31. Bacon is often referred to as the, 'Renaissance Man'. Comment.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

SECTION – D

Answer any **two**, each in about three hundred words.

32. Write in detail about the transition from Romans to Normans in the history of Britain.
33. "Notwithstanding the mists which shroud the beginnings and our lack of knowledge of the poets themselves, Old English Literature has a richness which amazes the readers." Comment.
34. "As a poet and playwright Shakespeare is par excellence". Pen down your views.
35. Write in detail about the literature in Tudor period.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)