

MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL URDU UNIVERSITY

Master of Arts English

I SEMESTER EXAMINATION (December 2018)

Paper : (MAEN101CCT) History of the English Language and Literature

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks 70 marks

Note : This question paper consists of three parts : Part – A, Part-B and Part-C. Number of words to answer each question is only indicative. Attempt all parts.

Part–A contains 10 compulsory questions of multiple choice/ fill in the blank/very short answer type question. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark. (10x1=10-marks)

Part-B contains 08 questions of which students are required to answer 05 questions. Answer each question in approximately 200 words. Each question carries 06 marks. (5x6=30 marks)

Part-C contains 05 questions of which students are required to answer 03 questions. Answer each question in approximately 500 words. Each question carries 10 marks. (3x10=30 marks)

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Part-A

Question : 1:

- i. Beowulf is the most important Anglo-Saxon literary work. It is [     ]  
a) a ballad                      b) an epic                      c) a sonnet                      d) a romance
- ii. In which century did Norman Conquest take place? [     ]  
a) 11<sup>th</sup> Century                      b) 12<sup>th</sup> Century                      c) 13<sup>th</sup> Century                      d) 14<sup>th</sup> Century
- iii. In which year did Caxton set up the printing press in England? [     ]  
a) 1486                      b) 1386                      c) 1476                      d) 1576
- iv. The origins of the English language lie in which language family? [     ]  
a) North American                      b) Latin                      c) Indo-European                      d) None of these
- v. In which year did John Wycliffe render the Bible into English? [     ]  
a) 1280                      b) 1380                      c) 1480                      d) 1580
- vi. The first English comedy was..... [     ]  
a) Euphues                      b) Ralph Roister Doister                      c) Gorboduc                      d) Utopia
- vii. The definite formulation of the Grimm's Law was first made by ..... [     ]  
a) Karl Verner                      b) Jacob Grimm                      c) Jespersen                      d) None of these
- viii. The Indo-European voiceless unaspirated stops became..... in Germanic. [     ]  
a) voiced stops                      b) voiceless stops                      c) voiceless fricatives                      d) voiceless affricates

- ix The Hundred Years' War was fought between ..... [     ]  
a) England & America    b) Japan & America    c) India & China    d) England & France
- x. Queen Victoria ascended the throne in..... [     ]  
a) 1837                      b) 1832                      c) 1857                      d) 1830

#### Part-B

2. Write a descriptive note on '*Medieval Literature*'.
3. Discuss the enrichment of English literature during the Renaissance Period.
4. State and explain *Grimm's Law*.
5. Write a brief note on '*Romantic Poetry*'.
6. Define and discuss difference between *Human language and Animal communication System*.
7. Write a short note on '*Victorian Period*'.
8. Briefly comment on '*Synthetic Languages*'.
9. Write a comprehensive note on '*Great Vowel Shift*'.

#### Part-C

10. Give an account of the characteristic features of Old English.
11. Write an essay on major movements in the history of English literature.
12. Write a comprehensive note on the rise of '*Standard English*'.
13. Elucidate the popularity of drama in the Elizabethan period with suitable examples.
14. Give an explanatory note on the Middle English.

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