

# KANYASHREE UNIVERSITY

M.A. 1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2022

Subject- English

Course- CC -1

**Middle English Literature & Elizabethan Literature I**

Full Marks- 40

Time- 2.00 Hours

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## **Group-A**

[Answer **any four** questions]

(5 x 4 = 20)

1. Can Chaucer's Wife of Bath be called a proto-feminist? Answer with reference to her portrayal in the *General Prologue*.
2. Critically make a comparative study between the characters – Plowman and Reeve from the *General Prologue*.
3. What type of people should be avoided according to Bacon, while colonizing a land? Elucidate in brief.
4. How can a man be superior in dealing with revenge? Answer with reference to Bacon's essay.
5. Explain the lines:  
*Some fresh and fruitful showers upon my sun-burn'd brain.*  
*But words came halting forth, wanting Invention's stay,*
6. Explain critically:  
*Can those black beams such burning marks engrave*  
*In my free side?....*
7. In what aspects is Thomas Wyatt's sonnet "My Lute...." different from typical Petrarchan sonnets?
8. What is the metrical specialty of the sonnet "Since there's no help, come let us kiss and part"? Illustrate.

## **Group-B**

[Answer **any two** questions]

(10 x 2 = 20)

9. Critically consider Chaucer's treatment of women characters in the *General Prologue* to *The Canterbury Tales*.
  10. Analyze the arguments of Bacon in his essay "Of Anger"
  11. Comment on the image of the lady love that Sidney has sketched in both the sonnets prescribed in your syllabus.
  12. Evaluate Drayton as a sonneteer with reference to the sonnets in your syllabus.
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