

# KANYASHREE UNIVERSITY

M.A. 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Examination-2024

Subject: English

Course- CC 1

Middle English Literature & Elizabethan Literature

Full Marks-40

Time-2.00 Hours

## GROUP - A

(Answer **any four** of the following)

(5×4=20)

1. Write a brief critical note on Chaucer's presentation of the character either the Plowman or the Reeve in the *General Prologue*.
2. Explain:  
"But words came halting forth, wanting invention's stay;  
Invention, Nature's child, fled step-dame Study's blows;  
And others' feet still seem'd but strangers in my way."
3. Briefly comment on the opening of the *General Prologue*.
4. Why, according to Bacon, do people dislike truth?
5. Distinguish between 'colony' and 'plantation' as indicated by Bacon in his essay "Of Plantations".
6. Comment on the use of the refrain in the poem "My Lute Awake".
7. Explain:  
"It was no dream: I lay broad waking.  
But all is turned thorough my gentleness  
Into a strange fashion of forsaking;"

## GROUP - B

(Answer **any two** of the following)

(10× 2=20)

1. Comment on the depiction of medieval feudalism in the *General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales*.
2. Comment on Bacon's prose style in the essays you have read.
3. Discuss Drayton's treatment of love with reference to the poems prescribed in your syllabus.
4. Sidney's Sonnet 47 and Wyatt's "My Lute Awake"- both are the expressions of rejected lovers' plight. Discuss.

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