

2011

M.A. Part-II Examination

ENGLISH

PAPER—OPT-II

Full Marks : 100

Time : 4 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

1. Answer any five of the following questions : 16×5
- (a) How does the father in *Pearl* realise that he is an 'ignorant child' and that the infant daughter a 'teacher'?
  - (b) Comment on the vision of Do-Well, Do-Better and Do-Best in *Piers Plowman*.
  - (c) The debate in *The Owl and the Nightingale* is mainly about the religious issues and views on love. Discuss.
  - (d) Show how Everyman grows in spiritual strength and Christian patience.
  - (e) Bring out the poetic qualities of *Havelok* and examine its merit as a literary work.
  - (f) Comment on the treatment of the Chivalric code of honour in *Str Gawain and the Green Knight*.

(Turn Over)

(g) Is the dream-debate in *The Nun's Priest's Tale* related to the total meaning of the poem? Give reasons for your answer.

(h) Critically examine the character of Pertelote with reference to the text.

(i) Write a note on Layamon's narrative art in *Brut*.

(j) Would you agree with the view that *Everyman* is structurally flawless? Substantiate your answer.

2. Comment on any four of the following : 5x4

(a) The story saith : Man, in the beginning  
Look well, and take good heed to the ending.  
Be you never so gay!

(b) Though I be a sinner most abominable,  
Yet let my name be written in Moses' table.

(c) You lived but two years in our land,  
Learnt neither to please God nor to pray,  
Pater nor creed to understand —  
And you a queen on your first day!

(d) Your flesh must sink in a colder grave,  
For it was ruined in Paradise grove,  
Our forefathers maltreated it.

(e) Nothing, God knows, but nonsense is in dreams.

(f) Sure such an outcry and lamentation  
Was never made by ladies when Illum  
Was lost, ...