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**B.A. Semester Examinations**  
**UNDERSTANDING LITERATURE AND SOCIETY**  
**Course Code: BEN23100T**

**Full Marks –50**

**Time – 2 hours**

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*The figure in the margin indicates full marks for the questions.*

**Q1. Answer the following Multiple-Choice Questions: 1marks x10**

- i) Which king of England was beheaded?**
- a) Charles I
  - b) Charles II
  - c) James I
  - d) James II
- ii) Victorian Period starts in \_\_\_\_\_.**
- a) 18<sup>th</sup> century
  - b) 17<sup>th</sup> century
  - c) 16<sup>th</sup> century
  - d) 19<sup>th</sup> century
- iii) Who wrote *Canterbury Tales*?**
- a) Geoffrey Chaucer
  - b) Lancaster
  - c) Whittington
  - d) Richard II
- iv) *Beowulf* was written during which period?**
- a) Anglo Saxon
  - b) Anglo Norman
  - c) Renaissance
  - d) Romantic Period
- v) The English Renaissance starts in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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- a) 16<sup>th</sup> century
  - b) 17<sup>th</sup> century
  - c) 18<sup>th</sup> century
  - d) 19<sup>th</sup> century
- vi) **What is the imitation of natural sounds in word form?**
- a) Personification
  - b) Hyperboles
  - c) Alliteration
  - d) Onomatopoeia
- vii) **Which is not a poetic form?**
- a) Epic
  - b) Tale
  - c) Ballad
  - d) Sonnet
- viii) **Which of the following figure of speech is an exaggeration?**
- a) Alliteration
  - b) Simile
  - c) Hyperbole
  - d) Prose
- ix) **Which is the earliest surviving English poem?**
- a) *KingHorn*
  - b) *PiersPlowman*
  - c) *Brut*
  - d) *Beowulf*
- x) **The Middle Age in England began with \_\_\_\_\_.**
- a) Hundred Years War
  - b) Peasant Revolt
  - c) Black Death
  - d) The Norman Conquest

### Q2. Answer any fourout of the six questions. 5 marks x 4

The word limit for answering these questions are 200-300 words

- a) Write the characteristics of the Middle English Period?
- b) Write the features of the Old English Literature?
- c) How was nature a predominant feature of the Romantic Poetry?
- d) What is the characteristic of modern literary period?
- e) Explain the following figures of speech with examples: synecdoche and personification.
- f) Explain the following figures of speech with examples: metaphor and alliteration.

**Q3. Answer any two out of the four questions.**

**10 marks x 2**

*The word limit for answering these questions are 350-400 words*

- a) Explain the evolution of the novel as a form of literature. What led to its growth and popularity among the masses?
- b) How does the Old English Period differ from the Middle English Period? Explain with reference to the literature of these periods.
- c) The Renaissance is a cultural movement marking the transition from the Middle Ages to modernity. Explain the characteristic features of the Renaissance.
- d) Along with the chief elements, explain the difference between Modernism and Postmodernism.