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VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours Examination 2021

(CBCS)

1st Semester

ENGLISH

PAPER—C1T

**BRITISH POETRY AND DRAMA : BEGINNING TO 14TH
CENTURY AND HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 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.*

Group - A

Answer any *four* questions.

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1. Write a note on Anglo-Saxon heroic poetry.
2. Name the major elegiac poems of the Old English period. Discuss any three of them.

3. Write an essay on King Alfred's contribution to Anglo-Saxon prose.
4. The Wife of Bath is a woman of great strength, vitality and aggression. Do you agree? Give reasons.
5. What picture of the position of women in the contemporary society is portrayed in *The Wife of Bath's* Prologue.
6. Discuss the Scandinavian influence on the English language.
7. What do you consider the classical influence on the English language to be – a hindrance or a help? Discuss.
8. Assess the nature and extent of the Latin influence on the development of the English language.

Group – B

Answer any six questions.

6×2

9. Mention the names of two important poets related to Anglo-Saxon Christian poetry.
10. Mention the names of the four major manuscripts of Old English literature.
11. Why is 597 A.D. important?
12. What does the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* contain?
13. Why did the Wife of Bath allude to St Paul?
14. How did the Wife of Bath gain "sovereignty" over her fifth husband?
15. How did the Wife of Bath become partially deaf?

16. Write a short philological note on “window” or “scientist”.
 17. Give an example of a word whose form is Old English but its meaning is attached from a corresponding Scandinavian word.
 18. Give an example of one English proper name and its Latinized adjective.
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