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25PELCT1001

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M.A. English - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - NOVEMBER 2025
SEMESTER - I

25PELCT1001 - Age of Chaucer to Puritanism

Total Duration : 2 Hrs. 30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

Section B

Answer any **SIX** questions (6 × 5 = 30 Marks)

1. Define Chaucer's contribution to Middle English with reference to *The Prologue to The Canterbury Tales*.
2. Explain the theme of love in Sidney's *Astrophil and Stella*.
3. Classify John Donne's *The Flea* as an example of metaphysical poetry.
4. Describe Francis Bacon's views on learning and its utility in *Of Studies*.
5. Identify the central theme of Marvell's *To His Coy Mistress*.
6. Relate Doctor Faustus's downfall to the Renaissance spirit of ambition.
7. Show how Milton presents the theme of temptation in *Paradise Lost, Book IX*.
8. Justify Ben Jonson's *Volpone* as a satirical comedy

Section C

I - Answer any **TWO** questions (2 × 10 = 20 Marks)

9. Illustrate Chaucer's use of humour and satire in *The Pardoner's Tale*.
10. Analyse the sequences that led to the downfall of Doctor Faustus. What exactly prevented his redemption?
11. Distinguish between Kyd's use of revenge and Marlowe's tragic themes.
12. Discuss Kyd's *The Spanish Tragedy* as a revenge tragedy.

II - Compulsory question (1 × 10 = 10 Marks)

13. Evaluate Bacon's prose style with special reference to *Of Truth*.
