

**ANNAI VIOLET ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

**CONTINUOUS INTERNAL ASSESSMENT – II (ODD SEM.)**

**SUBJECT: BACKGROUND TO ENGLISH LITERATURE - I**

**Class: I B.A., English**

**Date: 07/11/2022 - AN**

**Max. Marks: 75**

**Sub. Code: AG31A**

**PART A (20 × 1 = 20 Marks)**

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. Which ballad was printed on one side of a single sheet and dealt with current event or person?
  - a. Broadside ballad (b) Literary ballad (c) Fold ballad (d) Lyrical ballad
2. Which is the rhyme scheme of a Spenserian sonnet?
  - a. abab cdcd efef gg (b) abab bcbc cdcd ee (c) abba abba cdecde (d) abba abba cdccdc
3. What is a short narrative, in prose or verse that exemplifies an abstract moral thesis at its conclusion known as?
  - a. exemplum (b) parable (c) proverb (d) fable
4. The Indo-European had split up into \_\_\_\_\_ distinct language groups.
  - a. six (b) five (c) seven (d) eight
5. Which is a remarkable characteristic of Anglo-Saxon poetry?
  - a. rhyme (b) alliteration (c) assonance (d) metre
6. The Battle of Hastings took place in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 1056 (b) 1076 (c) 1066 (d) 1086
7. When did the wars of the Roses take place?
  - a. 1456 – 1487 (b) 1455 – 1486 (c) 1454 – 1487 (d) 1455 – 1487
8. Who destroyed the Spanish Armada?
  - a. Francis Drake (b) Francis Bacon (c) Philip II (d) Lord Charles Howard
9. Who undertook the task of translating the New Testament into English?
  - a. William Langland (b) John Gower (c) William Tyndale (d) Erasmus
10. Name the first English tragedy?

- a. Everyman (b) Gammer Gurton's Needle (c) Ralph Roister Doister (d) Gorboduc
11. What was Sir Gawain known for?
  - a. a soldier (b) a warrior (c) a knight (d) a lover
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is Robin Hood's chief lieutenant.
  - a. Little John (b) Sir Roger (c) Sean Magwire (d) Hook
13. Morality plays were dramatised \_\_\_\_\_ of a representative Christian life in the plot form.
  - a. allegories (b) comedies (c) tragedies (d) epics
14. Aside is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ in which a character expresses to the audience his or her thought or intention in a short speech.
  - a. poetic device (b) stage- devise (c) artistic devise (d) written device
15. English belonged to the family of \_\_\_\_\_ languages.
  - a. Indo-Germanic (b) Indo-Egyptian (c) Indo-European (d) Indo-Arabic
16. Old English period extended from about the year \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. A.D. 600 to 1100 (b) 450 A.D. to 1150 A.D (c) 1060 A.D. – 1500 A.D
17. Anglo-Saxon English had a very complicated \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Vocabulary (b) Spelling (c) Grammar (d) Composition
18. \_\_\_\_\_ (Family ties) were very important in Anglo-Saxon society.
  - a. Membership (b) Relationship (c) Kinship (d) friendship
19. Edward II, Dr. Faustus, The Jew of Malta and \_\_\_\_\_ are written by Christopher Marlowe.
  - (a) Tamburlaine, the Great b) Tanjelin, the Great (c) Franklin, the Great d) Duchess of Malfi
20. Arthurian Romance grew out of chronicles. Purporting to record the history of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. King James (b) King Arthur (c) King Archer (d) King Alfred

**PART B – (5 × 5 = 10 Marks)**  
**Answer any FIVE questions**

21. Write a short note on Mystery and Miracle plays.
22. Describe Fable with examples.
23. Draft a note on the old English Period.
24. Elucidate the Norman Conquest.
25. Discuss the conquest of Armada.

26. Give an introduction to Shakespeare.
27. Define fiction and its characteristics.

**PART C – (3 × 10 = 30 Marks)**

**Answer any THREE questions**

28. Outline Tragedy in detail.
29. Explain the descent of the English Language.
30. Elizabethan age was the golden period in English Literature.  
Discuss.
31. Comment on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century Prose.
32. Write a detail Sketch of Tudor Dynasty.

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