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1st Sem
2015

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ENGLISH

(Major)

Paper : 1.1



(The Social and Literary Context :
Medieval and Renaissance)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions

1. Answer any ten of the following as directed :

1×10=10

(a) The romance represents a heroic age of
tribal wars. (State True/False)

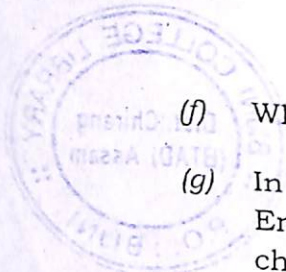
(b) Who is called the 'Bard-of-Avon'?

(c) Name the author of *The New Atlantis*
(1627).

(d) Who is the leader of the Metaphysical
poets?

(e) Medieval romance is a type of
narrative developed in France in the
— century. (Fill in the blank)

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- (f) Who wrote *Areopagitica*?
- (g) In the mid-sixteenth century, some English dramatists imitated the _____ chorus. (Fill in the blank)
- (h) *Piers Plowman* by William Langland is a dream allegory. (State True/False)
- (i) In which epic did Spenser characterize Queen Elizabeth?
- (j) Renaissance humanism reacted against scholasticism. (State True/False)
- (k) The Jacobean Age is named after _____. (Fill in the blank)

2. Answer any five of the following questions :

2×5=10

- (a) What is a soliloquy?
- (b) Define ballad and give two examples.
- (c) When did masque as a dramatic device flourish in England?
- (d) What is a Metaphysical conceit?
- (e) What is mystery play?
- (f) Name two plays of Christopher Marlowe.

3. Write short notes on any four of the following : 5×4=20

- (a) Bacon's essays
- (b) Deus ex machina
- (c) Morality plays
- (d) *Tottel's Miscellany*
- (e) Senecan tragedy

4. Answer any four of the following questions : 10×4=40

- (a) Comment on the important features in Jean Bodel's analysis of medieval romances.
- (b) Define sonnet and write a note on the Elizabethan sonneteers.
- (c) Present an overview of 'New Learning' of the Renaissance.
- (d) Define the term 'metaphysical' and discuss the characteristic features of Metaphysical poetry with reference to the poems of Donne and his followers.
- (e) Write a note on Milton's poetry.
- (f) Comment on the Revenge tradition in the Jacobean period.
