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M.A. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2015

First Semester

Faculty of Language and Literature

Branch I—English

PC 1—CHAUCER AND THE ROOTS OF ENGLISH

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours Maximum Weight : 30

Part A

I. Answer any *five* of the following, each in *a paragraph* of about 50 words :

1 What is meant by ablaut or vowel gradation ?

2 The eight branches of Indo-European family of languages.

3 Old Englsh spelling.

4 Characteristics of Old English.

5 Grimm's low.

6 Middle English dialects.

7 *Beowulf.*

8 Translate into idiomatic modern English :

"Whan that Aprill with his shoures soote
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote,
And bathed every veyne in swich licour
Of which vertu engendred is the flour."

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part B

II. Write short essays of about 100 words on any *five* of the following :—

9 Old English grammar.

10 The Scandinavian/Norse/Danish element in English.

11 Middle English grammar.

12 The French influence on English vocabulary.

13 Chivalric romances.

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14 King Alfred's contribution to English language and literature.

15 Chaucer's language.

16 The Knight.

(5 × 2 = 10)

Part C

III. Write essays of about 300 words on any *three* of the following :—

17 Latin influence on English.

18 Translations of Bible and the formation of Modern English.

19 Discuss Chaucer's contribution to the growth and development of English language.

20 Write in detail about Old English dialects, grammar, spelling, vocabulary and pronunciation.

21 The influence of the Renaissance and Reformation on English language and literature.

22 The "Great Vowel Shift" in English language.

(3 × 5 = 15)