

2024
SRMUJ
1st Semester Examination
M.A.
English
ENG-101
POETRY 1 (MEDIEVAL TO AUGUSTAN)

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer *any two* of the following questions 5×2

- a) How did the political and cultural changes during the Restoration influence Augustan literature?
- b) What is the significance of the pilgrimage in *Prologue to Canterbury Tales*?
- c) Give the significance of the following lines:
 “The phoenix riddle hath more wit
 By us; we two being one, are it.
 So, to one neutral thing both sexes fit.”
- d) How does Pope contrast genuine poetry with superficial poetry?

2. Answer *any three* of the following questions 10×3

- a) Analyze the impact of Black Death on Chaucer's society and Literature.
- b) How does Chaucer use satire to depict medieval society in the *Prologue to Canterbury Tales*?
- c) Discuss Chaucer's portrayal of the Wife of Bath in *The General Prologue*.
- d) Do you consider John Donne's "The Extasie" to be a representative metaphysical poem? Discuss.
- e) Analyze the theme of literary corruption in Alexander Pope's *An Epistle to Dr Arbuthnot*.