

**Assignments for MA English**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Semester (Courses 101,102, 103, 104)**

Department of English  
M.A. (English) I Semester  
Course Code: MENG 101 (DSC)  
History of English Literature from Chaucer to 1800

**Maximum Marks: 20**

**Important Instruction:**

All the students are required to prepare **three assignments separately**. These assignments are **compulsory to submit in a time-bound manner**, otherwise **admit card for the exams will not be generated**. A sample of the title page is also attached.

**Assignment – I**

**Maximum Marks – 07**

**Note:** Attempt **any two** questions out of the following:

- Q 1.** Write an essay on Chaucer as a chronicler of the society of his times.
- Q 2.** Discuss various ideas in *The Canterbury Tales*.
- Q 3.** Who are the University Wits? Discuss their contribution to English Drama.
- Q 4.** Discuss Shakespeare's transformative influence on the evolution of tragedy in Elizabethan drama, highlighting key plays and his innovative approaches to the genre.

**Marks:  $3.5 \times 2 = 07$**

**Assignment – II**

**Maximum Marks – 07**

**Note:** Attempt **any two** questions out of the following:

- Q 1.** Discuss critically the influence of the Renaissance on English literature.
- Q 2.** Discuss the factors responsible for the decline of drama in the Jacobean age.
- Q 3.** What were the key contributions of Sir Philip Sidney's *Apology for Poetry* to English literary criticism?
- Q 4.** In what ways is Restoration literature an "anti-Puritan" literature?

**Marks:  $3.5 \times 2 = 07$**

**Assignment – III**

**Maximum Marks – 06**

**Note:** Attempt **any two** questions out of the following:

- Q 1.** Discuss the characteristics of Restoration Comedy of Manners and its reflection of upper-class society.
- Q 2.** Trace the growth of the rise of the novel in 18th-century England.
- Q 3.** What is the difference between Classicism and Neoclassicism?
- Q 4.** Give a detailed account of the revival of Romanticism in the poetry of the later 18th century.

**Marks:  $3 \times 2 = 06$**

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