

St Joseph's College (Autonomous)
Mid Semester Test August 2016
MA English - I Semester
En: 7114 English Literature I

Time: 90 mins

Max Marks: 35

SECTION A

Answer any **one** of the following:

(1x10=10)

- 1) Art, literature and science flourished during the Middle Ages, rooted in the Christian culture that preserved, transmitted and transformed cultural tradition. Explain.
- 2) How did affairs of State and religion come to be intertwined with each other in the sixteenth century?

SECTION B

Answer any **two** of the following:

(2x10=20)

- 3) Would you classify Doctor Faustus as a Christian play? Discuss.
- 4) According to David Parker in *The Chaucer Review*, "Alisoun of Bath is not a 'character' in the modern sense at all, but an elaborate iconographic figure designed to show the manifold implications of an attitude". Examine this statement in the light of the Prologue to The Wife of Bath's Tale.
- 5) Discuss the role that race plays in Shakespeare's portrayal of Othello. How do the other characters react to Othello's skin color and to the fact that he is a Moor?

SECTION C

Write short notes on any **one** of the following:

(1x5=5)

- 6) Confession in the context of *The Canterbury Tales*
- 7) The Seven Deadly Sins in Doctor Faustus
