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## Assignment Work – Year - January 2026

M.A. - Course Code and Title - MEG-102 History of English Literature I (1550-1660)

| Assignment - 1                                                    |                                                                                      |
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| Total Marks – 15                                                  | Passing Standard - 06                                                                |
| Answer the following questions in detail (any three) (5 x 3 = 15) |                                                                                      |
| Q. 1                                                              | Discuss Christopher Marlowe's Dr. Faustus as a Renaissance tragedy.                  |
| Q. 2                                                              | Examine Satan as the protagonist in Milton's Paradise Lost Book I & II.              |
| Q. 3                                                              | Critically analyse the portrayal of Shylock in Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. |
| Q. 4                                                              | Discuss the unity of love and religion in the poems of John Donne.                   |
| Q. 5                                                              | Analyse Milton's Areopagitica as a defence of the freedom of the press.              |

| Assignment - 2   |                                                                    |
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| Total Marks – 15 | Passing Standard - 06                                              |
| Section – 1      | Write short notes. (any three) (3 x 3 = 09)                        |
| 1.               | The development of the English Sonnet                              |
| 2.               | Francis Bacon as an essayist                                       |
| 3.               | Ben Jonson's prose style                                           |
| 4.               | John Webster's The White Devil                                     |
| 5.               | Andrew Marvell's 'To His Coy Mistress'                             |
| Section – 2      | Choose the correct option for the following questions. (6 x 1 = 6) |
| 1.               | Marlowe's Dr. Faustus is based on the legend of:                   |
|                  | (A) King Arthur                                                    |
|                  | (B) Faust                                                          |
|                  | (C) Tamburlaine                                                    |
|                  | (D) Hamlet                                                         |
| 2.               | Who wrote the essay 'Of Studies'?                                  |
|                  | (A) Ben Jonson                                                     |
|                  | (B) John Milton                                                    |
|                  | (C) Francis Bacon                                                  |
|                  | (D) John Donne                                                     |
| 3.               | Areopagitica (1644) is a prose work by:                            |
|                  | (A) Francis Bacon                                                  |
|                  | (B) John Milton                                                    |
|                  | (C) Ben Jonson                                                     |
|                  | (D) John Webster                                                   |
| 4.               | The play The White Devil was written by:                           |

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|    |                                            |                         |
|    | (A) Christopher Marlowe                    | (B) William Shakespeare |
|    | (C) John Webster                           | (D) Ben Jonson          |
| 5. | 'Death, be not proud' is a Holy Sonnet by: |                         |
|    | (A) Andrew Marvell                         | (B) John Donne          |
|    | (C) John Milton                            | (D) Edmund Spenser      |
| 6. | Paradise Lost was originally published in: |                         |
|    | (A) 10 books                               | (B) 12 books            |
|    | (C) 24 books                               | (D) 8 books             |

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