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MATERIALS AVAILABLE WITH TEST QUESTION PAPERS

PROLOGUE TO THE CANTERBURY TALES - GEOFFREY CHAUCER

- Chaucer was called as Morning star of Renaissance and also called Evening star of Reformation
- Norman conquest year - 1066
- In 1348 & 49 came the epidemic called black-death
- John Wycliff was called “The morning star of the reformation”.
- He translated Bible in 1382 into English.
- He launched lollard movement, to eradicated evil from the church.
- Peasants revolt in 1381 led by John ball or Tyler’s rebellion
- Chaucer called Gower as “ Moral Gower”
- William Langland wrote “Piers the Plowman” 1st satire in English.
John Wesley started 17th century Oxford movement.

John Wycliffe also started Oxford movement and Lollard movement.


100 years war between England and France 1337-1453.


Chaucer was born in 1340 and died in 1400

Chaucer born in the Rule of Edward III, lived in the rule of Richard II and died when Henry IV became king.

Chaucer Introduced, “Heroic couplet” in English, the Rhyme Royal, He invented.

7 lines Stanza is called “Rhyme Royal” because King James I used it in “King’s Quair”.

The chief poetical work of Chaucer “Troilus & Criseyde” a poem of 8200 lines.

“Troilus & Criseyde” adopted from Boccaccio’s “Ill Filostrato”

In the same name there is a play by Shakespeare “Troilus & Cressida”

Chaucer was appointed page boy of wife of Lionel.

He wore Red & Black Breeches, provided by his employer, Edward III.

Chaucer was arrested in war of Roses, at place Reims, Edward III released him by paying 16 pounds as ransom.

Chaucer married Phillip Rote, sister to 3rd wife of John of Gaunt (Duke of Lancaster)

Chaucer was influenced by French Renaissance,
In 1382 Chaucer was appointed as controller of customs.

“Complaint of Chaucer to his prose” is a poem.

Chaucer died on Oct-24, 1400, first poet of England to be buried in poet’s corner/West Minster Abbey.

The prologue was written around 1400 Year.

Boccaccio’s “De-Cameron” is the pioneer work for Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales.

Total number of pilgrims 30(including Chaucer and the host) if we exclude Chaucer or the host then it is 29.

Pilgrims going to visit Canterbury (60 mile away) the shrine of Thomas Becket.

Purpose to get blessing from St. Thomas Becket, a martyr.

Tabard inn is at South-Wark, London, Owner of the inn Harry Bailey(bold and straight forward)

Harry Bailly is the host of the pilgrimage.

He acted as judge for the stories.

120 stories were planned to be told.

24 stories were told (22 finished & 2 unfinished), Unfinished tales 1. cook’s tale 2. squire’s tale.

The story tellers were selected by drawing straws, selected by Harry Bailley.

The pilgrims represented English society.

Only two classes are not represented in the Canterbury tales by Chaucer 1. Aristocrates 2. poor class.

The Knight is the first story teller. (TRB)
The fighting class - the knight, the squire, the yeoman.

Literal professionals - Doctor, man of law, clerk of oxford, the poet.

The land lords - plough man, miller, Reeve and Franklyn.

Trade - merchant, shipman.

Craft - wife of bath, Haberdasher, Carpenter, weaver, tyer and Tapestry

Victuallers, (food and drink selling group) - the monk, the cook, Harry Bailley.

Secular clergy - parson

Ecclesiastical court - the summoner, the canon.

Monastic order - the monk, the prioress, the nun, the pardonner.

The time of pilgrimage - Mid April.

The knight was the first story teller, he participated in 15 battles, 3 times fought in tournament.

The knight is as modest as maiden.

The knight's son is young squire, 20 years old.

Young squire fresh like May, he is passionate lover like Nightingale, Bachelor, embraided dress full of white and red flowers.

The young squire dancer (Eek, a kind of dance) make songs, play fulte.

The yeoman - head like a nut close cropped hair and brown face. He carried peacock arrows, he had medal of St. Christopher on Breast. Carried a horn, green belt. He is a true forester.

The prioress name Madame Eglantine, she took the Oath by St. Loy.

She spoke French elegantly and daintily, she learnt at Stratford.
She is good at Table Manners (Table Ethics) no morsel fall from her lips.

She weeps for a mouse, she kept dogs

The Prioress wore a brooch, latin dictum “Amor Vincit Omnia” meaning Love Conquers All

She had 2 dogs, fed the roasted food and milk to them

With Prioress a nun and 3 priests were coming

The monk is manly among pilgrims, inspector of Monarch property, and he had good horses

Hunting is his favourite sports

He doesn’t like scriptural text

Loves hunting of Hare, thinks hunters are not holy men

The Friars fixed many marriages

Likes rich men, qualified to hear confessions but don’t give penance

He knows all taverns, innkeeper & Bar maid

Friars name is Huberd, he sings songs “In Principio” song form St.John Gospel

The merchant expert in currency exchange has forked beard

He is in debt.

Oxford Scholar is a clerk, he studied logic, he preferred Aristotle Books, had 20 books near his bed

Sergent of Man of Law, always at church of porch, appointed as Justice

He is a great buyer of Land, he knows every rule by heart
The Franklin has daisy white beard, he loves to eat meat, he had houseful of different meats, he was a free tenant of the crown, he was a member of parliament for his county.

He was compared with Saint Julian.

Wife of Bath – Deaf pilgrim (SOMDEL DEAF), gap toothed, her first name Alison.

She is excellent cloth maker, her hanker-chief was embroidered, and that was 10 pounds worth.

She had 5 husbands, “Jankin” was the name of her Fifth Husband.

She visited Jerusalem Thrice, she had crossed many foreign countries.

The summoner and The Pardoner are homosexual couples.

The Parson is the last story teller.

The Pardoner is the last pilgrim described by Chaucer in Prologue and then the last was “The Host”.

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