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I. **Essay Questions: 100%**

Please choose FOUR questions from below and answer them in English.

1. Identify the author of the following sonnet, and then discuss its form and content.

My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun;

Coral is far more red than her lips' red;

If snow be white, why then her breasts are dun:

If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head.

I have seen roses damasked, red and white,

But no such roses see I in her cheeks;

And in some perfumes is there more delight

Than in the breath that from my mistress reeks.

I love to hear her speak, yet well I know

That music hath a far more pleasing sound;

I grant I never saw a goddess go;

My mistress, when she walks, treads on the ground.

And yet, by heaven, I think my love as rare

As any she belied with false compare.

- 2. Please give a summary of William Shakespeare's Macbeth, and explain why this play is a tragedy. Provide examples from the play to support your argument.
- 3. Please discuss the themes, motifs, structure, and characterization of the medieval romance Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.
- 4. Please discuss the role of Satan in John Milton's Paradise Lost. How is Satan portrayed in the poem, and what are the effects of such a representation of Satan? Provide examples from the poem to support your argument.
- 5. What are the narrative techniques and major characteristics of *The Canterbury Tales*? Please discuss TWO recurring themes in The Canterbury Tales by referring to at least TWO tales from it.
- 6. John Donne is regarded as the chief of the Metaphysical poets, a literary group well-known for using "conceit" in their poems. Please discuss the elements of Metaphysical poetry by giving some examples from Donne's poems.