(a) Of man's first disobedience,
and the fruit
of that forbidden tree, whose
mortal taste
Brought death into the world,
And all our woe.

(b) O, how shall summer's honey breath hold all
Against the wreckful siege of battering days,
When rocks impregnable are not So stout,
Nor gates of steel so strong, but Time decays?

Or

O fearful meditation ! Where alack,
Shall Time's best jewel from Time's chest-lie hid?

(c) One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And Death Shall be no more. Death,
thou shalt die.

(d) A Knyght ther was and that a worthy man,
That fro the tyme that he first bigan
To riden out, he loved chivalrie,

4. Answer *any four* from the following questions. 10×4 = 40
(each within 500 words)

(a) Chaucer was one of the greatest comic writers in English literature. Discuss with reference to some of the comic characters in Chaucer's Prologue.

(b) Discuss the contributions of Dryden and Pope to the traditions of 'Mock Heroic poetry'.

(c) In what ways is 'Death' ridiculed in the poem 'Death, be not proud'? Discuss.

(d) Discuss Alexander Pope as a social critic with special reference to the poem prescribed.

(e) How does Shakespeare integrate the themes of love, art, time and spirituality in his sonnets ? Discuss.

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