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CHAUCER FINAL EXAM

Please turn in your completed exam to my mailbox **before** 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 16 December, 2011. No late exams will be accepted. Answer the following questions in seven (7) to ten (10) pages.

Note: Please do not waste space retelling the stories.

PART I. *Identifications. Please be very, very brief. **Do all.*** [50 pts.]

1. What was the name of Chaucer's scribe?
2. Which pilgrims & characters are associated with bells?
3. Give an example of a) chiasmus, b) metonymy, and c) anaphora.
4. Name five saints invoked by the pilgrims (not by their stories' characters). Also name the saints' associations (e.g., St. Isidore of Seville, the patron saint of the internet).
5. Which pilgrims are married? Which characters in the tales are married?
6. Name five authors who influenced Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. For each author, give a) a sense of the author's medieval reputation; b) the author's major work(s); and c) an example from the *CT* of that author's influence.

PART II. *Essays. 1+ pages each. Please give examples to support your thesis. **Do all.*** [120 pts.]

1. Which pilgrim knows the most about love?
2. According to Chaucer, can we trust our own judgment?
3. Can a bad doctor give good medicine?
4. Is there something essential or true behind appearances?