

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

December, 2018

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MEG-1 : BRITISH POETRY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

*Note : Attempt **all** the questions below. Each question carries 10 marks. Explain the passages with reference to their contexts, supplying brief critical comments where necessary.*

1. (a) He yaf nat of that text a pulled hen,
That seith, that hunters been nat holy men;
Ne that a monk, whan he is cloisterlees
Is lykned til a fish that is waterlees,

OR

- (b) Wommennes counseils been ful ofte colde;
Wommennes conseil broghte us first to wo,
And made Adam fro paradys to go,
Ther-as he was ful mery, and wel at ese.

2. (a) So Orpheus did for his owne bride,
So I unto my selfe alone will sing,
The woods shall to me answer
and my Eccho ring,

OR

- (b) Nor *Jove* himselfe, when he a
Swan would be
For love of *Leda*, whiter did appeare :
Yet *Leda* was as white as he,
Yet not so white as these, nor nothing neare;
So purely white they were,

3. (a) But O, self traytor, I do bring
The spider love, which transubstantiates all,
And can convert Manna to gall,
And that this place may thoroughly be
thought
Tru Paradise, I have the serpent brought.

OR

- (b) The Grave's a fine and private place,
But none, I think, do there embrace.

4. (a) Who would not sing for Lycidas ?

he knew

Himself to sing, and build the lofty rhyme.

He must not float upon his watery bier

Unwept, and welter to the parching wind,

Without the meed of some melodious tear.

OR

(b) Bosom'd high in tufted trees,

Where perhaps some beauty lies,

The cynosure of neighbouring eyes.

5. (a) Near these a Nursery erects its head,

Where Queens are form'd, and

future Hero's bred;

Where unfledg'd Actors learn to

laugh and cry,

Where infant Punks their tender Voices try,

OR

(b) Poor Cornus sees his frantic wife elope,

And curses wit, and poetry, and Pope.

