

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

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MEG-1 : BRITISH POETRY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. (a) "A lovyere and a lusty bachelor,
With lokkes crulle as they were leyd
in presse.
Of twenty yeer of age he was, I gesse.
Of his stature he was of evene lengthe,"

OR

- (b) "A povre wydwe somdeel stape in age,
Was whilom dwellyng in a narwe cotage,
Beside a grove, stondynge in a dale.
This wydwe, of which I telle yow my tale,"

(b) "When we have run our Passions' heat,
Love hither makes his best retreat.
The *Gods*, that mortal Beauty chase,
Still in a Tree did end their race :"

4. (a) "Methought I saw my late espoused Saint
Brought to me like *Alcestis* from the grave,
Whom *Joves* great son to her glad
Husband gave,
Rescu'd from death by force through
pale and faint."

OR

(b) "With such a horrid clang
As on mount *Sinai* rang
While the red fire, and smouldering
clouds out brake :
The aged Earth agast ..."

5. (a) "Sinking, he left his drugget robe behind,
Borne upwards by a subterranean wind :
The mantle fell to the young prophet's part,
With double portion of his father's art."

OR

7. (a) "The chariot rolled, a captive multitude
Was driven; — all those who had
grown old in power
Or misery, — all who had their age subdued
By action or by suffering."

OR

- (b) "Then with a slow incline of his broad
breast,
Like to a diver in the pearly seas,
Forward he stoop'd over the airy shore,
And plung'd all noiseless into the deep night."

8. (a) "Her darling one wish would be heard.
And thus we sit together now,
And all night long we have not stirred,
And yet God has not said a word!"

OR

- (b) "And leave me in my church, the church
for peace,
That I may watch at leisure if he leers —
Old Gandolf, at me, from his onion-stone,
As still he envied me, so fair she was!"

9. (a) "Now and in time to be,
Wherever green is worn,
Are changed, changed utterly :
A terrible beauty is born."

OR

- (b) "Unreal City,
Under the brown fog of a winter dawn,
A crowd flowed over London Bridge, so many,
I had not thought death had undone so many."

10. (a) "Under the windings of the sea
They lying long shall not die windily;
Twisting on racks, when sinews give way,
Strapped to a wheel, yet they shall not break."

OR

- (b) "This was Mr. Bleaney's room. He stayed
The whole time he was at the Bodies, till
They moved him ! Flowered curtains,
thin and frayed,
Fall to within five inches of the sill,"
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