

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ENGLISH

Term-End Examination

June, 2021

MEG-01 : BRITISH POETRY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt any **five** questions. Question no. **1** is **compulsory**. Attempt five questions in all in one answer booklet.

Compulsory

1. Attempt with reference to the context, any **two** of the following : $2 \times 10 = 20$

(a) As virtuous men pass mildly away,
And whisper to their soules, to goe,
Whilst some of their sad friends doe say,
The breath goes now, and some say, no :

(b) "Say Heav'ly Muse, shall not thy sacred vein,
Afford a present to the Infant God ?"

- (c) Shut, shut the door, good John ! fatigu'd,
I said,
Tye up the knocker, say I'm sick, I'm dead.
The dog-star rages ! nay 'tis past a doubt,
All Bedlam, or Parnassus, is let out :
Fire in each eye, and papers in each hand,
They rave, recite, and madden round the
land.
- (d) He did not wear his scarlet coat,
For blood and wine are red,
And blood and wine were on his hands
When they found him with the dead,
The poor dear woman whom he loved,
And murdered in her bed.

*Answer any **four** questions.*

$4 \times 20 = 80$

2. Would you agree that the *Amoretti* Sonnets by Spenser are replete with images of sensuality ? Provide a detailed answer covering the poet, his beloved and the age during which he wrote.
3. Attempt a critical appreciation of any **one** of the following poems :
- A Nocturnal
 - Redemption
 - The Garden

4. Would you agree that Puritanism influenced Milton's life ? Attempt an answer based on your understanding of the works you have studied.
 5. Discuss *Mac Flecknoe* as a mock-heroic poem.
 6. Write a detailed answer (based on your readings of Coleridge's poems), on Coleridge's contribution to poetry and literature.
 7. Comment on the pre-Raphaelite treatment of women based on your reading of '*My Sister's Sleep*' and '*The Blessed Damozel*'.
 8. Are 'poetry, feminine beauty and love' related to each other in '*Adam's Curse*' ? Comment.
 9. Why is Larkin known as an "uncommon poet for the common man" ? Attempt a detailed discussion based on your reading of his works.
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