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**MEG-1**

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN  
ENGLISH**

**Term-End Examination**

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**MEG-1 : BRITISH POETRY**

*Time : 3 hours* *Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note :** Answer question no. 1 and any **four** from the remaining questions.

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1. Explain any **two** of the following passages with reference to their contexts and supply brief critical comments where necessary : 10+10=20

(a) Was it a dreame, or did I see it playne ?  
A goodly table of pure yvory,  
All spred with juncats, fit to entertayne  
The greatest Prince with pompous roialty.

(b) Thou by *the Indian Ganges* side.  
Should'st Rubies find : I by the Tide  
Of *Humber* would complain. I would  
Love you ten years before the Flood;  
And you should if you please refuse  
Till the Conversion of the *Jews*.

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4. Evaluate *The Triumph of Life* in the light of the opinion that "Shelley achieves the sublime". 20
5. Would you agree with the point of view that Oscar Wilde's *The Ballad of Reading Gaol* suggests the futility of Christian ethics and loss of faith in Christianity? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples from the text of the poem. 20
6. Write a critique of W.B. Yeats as a modernist poet. 20
7. Critically evaluate any *one* of the following poems : 20
  - (a) 'Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came'
  - (b) 'A Valediction : Forbidding Mourning'
  - (c) 'Mr Bleaney'
  - (d) 'The Colossus'
  - (e) 'Fern Hill'