

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATIONS 2024

ENGLISH

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

Arthurian Romance

Time: two hours.

Full Marks: 30

Answer any *three* questions, taking at least *one* from each group.

Group A

1. Comment on the evolution of the grail motif from Wolfram's *Parzival* to the *La Queste del Saint Graal*.
2. Critically compare the consequences of oath-breaking in Chretien's *Yvain* and *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*.
3. "Humility, Courtesy, Adultery, and the Religion of Love" is C. S. Lewis's famous definition of courtly love. Discuss with reference to the romance that best exemplifies this formulation.
4. Are the the 'domna' of Occitan troubadour poetry and the heroine of the chivalric romance essentially the same character? Answer with textual examples.

Group B

5. Write an essay on the satirical uses of the Matter of Britain in the 19th and 20th centuries.
6. With reference to at least two early/modern texts read in class, discuss the different ways in which the figure of Arthur becomes a mascot of English/British nationalism.
7. Evaluate the unique significance of Malory's *Le Morte d'Arthur* in the Arthurian tradition.