

BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2019

ENGLISH (HONOURS)

Third Year Sixth Semester

Old English Language and Literature

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 30

Answer *all* the questions. Figures in the margin indicate marks allotted to each question.

3. Render into modern English prose:

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(c) Heofonarīce is gewordenþāmmenn gelīcþesēowgōdsād on his æcere. Sōþlīce, þāþāmennslēpon, þācōm his fēonda sum, and ofersēow hit mid cocceleonmiddanþāmhwāte, and fērdeþanon. Sōþlīce, þāsēowyrtwēox, and þone wāestmbrōhte, þāætiewde se coccelhine.

*Or*

(d) Ðonnemonbēam on wudaforhærne, ondweorðeyppe on þone ðe hit dyde, gielde hēfulwīte: gesellesi extigscillinga - for þam þefyrbiðþeof.

4. Render into modern English prose:

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(c) Ic þætlondbuend, leode mine,  
selerædende, secganhyrde  
þæthiegesawon swylcwegen  
miclēmearcstapan morashealdan,  
ellorgæstas. Ðæra oðerwæs,  
þæsþehiegewislicost gewitan meahton,  
ideseonlicnæs; oðere armsceapen  
onwereswæstmum wræclastastræd,  
næfne he wæsmara þonneænig man oðer;  
þone on geardagum Grendel nemdon  
foldbuende. No hiefæder cunnon,  
hwæþer him ænigwæs æracenned  
dyrnragasta.

*Or*

(d) Ofereode þa æþelinga bearne  
steapstanhliðo, stigenearwe,  
engeanpaðas, uncuðgelad,  
neowlensæssas, nicorhusafela.  
He feara sum beforangengde  
wisramonnawongsceawian,

oþþæt he færingafyrgenbeamas  
oferharnestanhleonianfunde,  
wynleasnewudu; wæter under stod  
*dreorigondgedrefed.*

5. Render into modern English prose: 10

Hēr wæs Gypeswīc gehergod; ond æfter þām swīðeraðewæs Brihtnoð ealdorman  
ofslægenæt Mældūne. Ond on þāmgēare man geræddepæt man  
gealdærrest gafol Deniscanmannum for þām mycclan brōgan þe hīworhtan be  
þāmsæriman; þætwæs særresttyn þūs endpunda.

*Hēr* = in this year; *Gypeswīc* = Ipswich; *gehergian* = plunder; *swīðeraðe* = very soon;  
*ealdorman* = governor; *ofslēon* = to kill; *Mældūn* = Maldon; *gerædan* = to decide;  
*gieldan* = to pay; *brōga* = terror; *wyrcan* = to bring about; *he* = along; *særiman* = sea-  
coast; *pund* = pound.

6. From the passages above write notes on any *five* of the italicized words and phrases  
(your notes may involve phonology, syntax, or semantics). 2 X 5 = 10