

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2019

First Year First Semester

ENGLISH

ARTHURIAN ROMANCE

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 30

Answer *any three* questions. Questions carry equal marks.

- 1) Based on your reading of *Parzival*, comment on medieval Europe's encounters with the 'Orient'.
- 2) Analyze the significance of 'courtly love' in chivalric romances with reference to at least two medieval texts.
- 3) '*The Quest for the Holy Grail* simultaneously appropriates and abrogates the chivalric romance'--Discuss.
- 4) Write a short essay on the reciprocal relationship of land and service in the feudal society of Western Europe.
- 5) Discuss the importance of promises in structuring the action of *Gawain and the Green Knight*.
- 6) What are the different ways in which the 'matter of Britain' is used by later writers to comment on their own socio-political crises? Answer with reference to two texts.