## MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2018 (Old) First Year, First Semester ENGLISH Medieval and Renaissance Literature

Time: 2 Hours Full Marks: 30

Answer any three questions. All questions carry equal marks

- 1. What does the dream setting of the poem contribute to the impact of Langland's *Piers Ployman*?
- 2. Discuss the significance of the ending of the Second Shepherd's Play.
- 3. What is the Knight's punishment in The Wife of Bath's Tale? Does it suit his crime? Give reasons for your answer.
- 4. Discuss the thematic significance of the pageant of the seasons and months in the *Mutability Cantos*
- 5. Would you characterize Donne's religious poems as expressing a psychological crisis? Give reasons for your answer.
- 6. Describe Donne's journey in quest of true religion in Satire III.
- 7. How does Jonson characterize his persona in the love lyrics you have studied? Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.