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Jadavpur University
M.A. ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS -2024
SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER:
Optional: Arthurian Romance

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 30

Answer any three questions taking at least one from each group. Do not repeat materials from the same text. (10X3)

Group A

1. Across the five medieval texts (*Yvain*, *Lancelot*, *Parzival*, *Queste*, *Gawain*) studied in class, which knight-protagonist do you think best exemplifies the core values of medieval chivalry? Give reasons and textual evidence.
2. Critically examine the principle of structural unity in the narrative of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*.
3. "The romance hero brings his reputation along with him, but he has to earn stature in the romance." Discuss, with reference to Chretien de Troyes's romances.
4. Comment on the encounter between the Christian occident and the Islamic orient as depicted by Wolfram in *Parzival*.

Group B

5. Compare Chretien's Lancelot to Tolkien's in *The Fall of Arthur*.
6. "It is only in its post-medieval avatar that Arthur becomes the protagonist of the Arthurian legends." Discuss, with reference to at least two texts.
7. Write an essay on the satirical uses of the Matter of Britain in the 19th and 20th centuries.