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**M.A.** DEGREE EXAMINATION - **ENGLISH LITERATURE**

THIRD SEMESTER – **APRIL 2012**

# EL 3809 - LITERARY HISTORY - I

Date : 02-05-2012 Dept. No. Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 1:00 - 4:00

**I. Comment on the significance of any FOUR of the following:**

(4 x 5 = 20 marks)

1) Beneath those rugged elms, that yew-tree's shade,  
 Where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap,  
 Each in his narrow cell for ever laid,  
 The rude Forefathers of the hamlet sleep.

2) "……..as Orpheus did for his own bride……

The woods shall to me answer and my Eccho ring."

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| 3) In the blest Kingdoms meek of joy and love. |
| There entertain him all the Saints above |

4) Sometimes, when he is pleased with the matter of his Devotion,

he pronounces Amen three or four times to the same prayer.

5) Certainly the best works, and of greatest merit for the public,

have proceeded from the Unmarried or childless men; which both in

affection and means have married and endowed the public.

6) ‘O, father, the pig, do come and taste how nice the burnt pig eats’.

1. **Attempt any FIVE of the following in about 150 words each:**

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

7. By identifying the exact day of the wedding

(the summer solstice, June 20), Spenser allows the reader to fit his

poetic description of the ceremony into a real, historical context- Comment

8. . Faustus' gruesome end was at the hands of the

very creatures he then commanded.- Analyze

9. “Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard” is an [elegy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elegy) in name but not

in [form](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elegiac_couplets)- Evaluate

10. Bring out the paramount importance given to marriage in Wilde’s

“The Importance of Being Earnest”

11. Evaluate Addison’s portrayal of the odd and uncommon aspects of

Sir Roger’s character in Sir Roger at church.

12. How does Bacon view marriage and single life?

13. Critically analyze Newman’s idea of professional skills.

14. Estimate Charles Lamb’s writing style in ‘A dissertation upon a Roost pig’.

1. **Answer any TWO of the following in about 400 words each:**

(2 X 20 = 40 marks)

15. Discuss the plot and element of sentimental drama in She Stoops to Conquer.

16. Comment on the theme, symbol and motifs of John Webster’s

The Duchess of Malfi

17. Tess is a victim of Fate and Chance – Discuss.

18. Consider ‘A Tale of Two cities’ as a historical novel.

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