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Write your commentary on the following five quotations (20 points per quotation). Your commentary should include a paraphrase of the quotation, an explanation of its key terms, its literary and/or historical context, and its significance in the work itself and/or in English literature in general.

Quotation 1 (20 points)

Whan that April with his showres soote
The droughte of March hath perced to the roote,
And bathed every veine in swich licour,
Of which vertu engendered is the flour;

... ..
So priketh hem Nature in hir corages-
Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages...
From Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*

Quotation 2 (20 points)

I found friars there-all four of the orders-
Preaching to the people for their paunches' welfare,
Making glosses of the Gospel that would look good for themselves;
Covets copes, they construed it as they pleased,

... ..
Since Charity has proved a peddler and principally shrives lords,
Many marvels have been manifest within a few years.
Unless Holy Church and friars' orders hold together better,
The worst misfortune in the world will be welling up soon.
From William Langland's *Piers the Plowman*

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Quotation 3 (20 points)

...What though the field be lost?
All is not lost; the unconquerable will,
And study of revenge, immortal hate,
And courage never to submit or yield;
And what is else not to be overcome?
That glory never shall his wrath or might
Extort from me. To bow and sue for grace
With suppliant knee, and deify his power.
From Milton's Paradise Lost

Quotation 4 (20 points)

In Germany, within a town called Rhodes;
Of riper years to Wittenberg he went,
That shortly he was graced with doctor's name,
Excelling all, whose sweet delight disputes
In heavenly matters of theology.
Till, swollen with cunning, of a self-conceit,
His waxen wings did mount above his reach,
And melting heavens conspired his overthrow.
For falling to a devilish exercise,
And glutted more with learning's golden gifts,
He surfeits upon cursed necromancy:
Nothing so sweet as magic is to him,
Which he prefers before his chiefest bliss.
Marlowe's Doctor Faustus

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Quotation 5 (20 points)

Know then thyself, presume not God to scan;
The proper study of mankind is Man.
Placed on this isthmus of a middle state,
A being darkly wise, and rudely great:
With too much knowledge for the skeptic side,
With too much weakness for the Stoic's pride,
He hangs between; in doubt to act, or rest,
In doubt his mind or body to prefer,
Born but to die, and reasoning but to err;
Alike in ignorance, his reason such,
Whether he thinks too little, or too much:
Chaos of thought and passion, all confused;
Still by himself abused, or disabused:
Created half to rise, and half to fall;
Great lord of all things, yet a prey to all;
Sole judge of truth, in endless error hurled:
The glory, jest, and riddle of the world.

From Pope's An Essay on Man

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