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University of Oslo
ENG4455 – Reading Paradise Lost
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This exam consists of **one part**.

The question you choose to answer must be answered in English.

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1 Exam questions

Answer **ONE** question. Your answer should take the form of an essay. Question 3 refers to an excerpt from *Paradise Lost*; the text is provided.

1. What do you consider Milton's main aims in his characterization of Satan, and how does Milton's actual achievement work in relation to his ambition to 'justify the ways of God to men'?












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2. What are the most important consequences of Milton's insistence on free will, and how are these observable in the poem?

OR

3. Write an essay that on the following excerpt (*PL* 9.856—920), developing an argument about what you take to be the passage's most interesting and important features. Your argument should discuss the passage in relation to other relevant parts and features of the poem as a whole.

Fill in your answer here

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Question 1
Attached



Text provided, question 3

***Paradise Lost* 9.856—920**

856 Hast thou not wondered, Adam, at my stay?
857 Thee I have missed, and thought it long, deprived
858 Thy presence, agony of love till now
859 Not felt, nor shall be twice, for never more
860 Mean I to try, what rash untried I sought,
861 The pain of absence from thy sight. But strange
862 Hath been the cause, and wonderful to hear:
863 This tree is not as we are told, a tree
864 Of danger tasted, nor to evil unknown
865 Opening the way, but of divine effect
866 To open eyes, and make them gods who taste;
867 And hath bin tasted such: the serpent wise,
868 Or not restrained as we, or not obeying,
869 Hath eaten of the fruit, and is become,
870 Not dead, as we are threatened, but thenceforth
871 Endued with human voice and human sense,
872 Reasoning to admiration, and with me
873 Persuasively hath so prevailed, that I
874 Have also tasted, and have also found
875 The effects to correspond, opener mine eyes,
876 Dim erst, dilated spirits, ampler heart,
877 And growing up to godhead; which for thee
878 Chiefly I sought, without thee can despise.
879 For bliss, as thou hast part, to me is bliss,
880 Tedious, unshared with thee, and odious soon.
881 Thou therefore also taste, that equal lot
882 May join us, equal joy, as equal love;

883 Least thou not tasting, different degree
884 Disjoin us, and I then too late renounce
885 Deitie for thee, when fate will not permit.

886 Thus Eve with countenance blithe her story told;
887 But in her Cheek distemper flushing glowed.
888 On the other side, Adam, as he heard
889 The fatal trespass don by Eve, amazed,
890 Astonied stood and blank, while horror chill
891 Ran through his veins, and all his joints relaxed;
892 From his slack hand the garland wreathed for Eve
893 Down dropped, and all the faded roses shed:
894 Speechless he stood and pale, till thus at length
895 First to himself he inward silence broke.

896 O fairest of creation, last and best
897 Of all God's works, creature in whom excelled
898 Whatever can to sight or thought be formed,
899 Holy, divine, good, amiable, or sweet!
900 How art thou lost, how on a sudden lost,
901 Defaced, deflowered, and now to death devote?
902 Rather how hast thou yielded to transgress
903 The strict forbiddance, how to violate
904 The sacred fruit forbidden! Some cursèd fraud
905 Of enemy hath beguiled thee, yet unknown,
906 And me with thee hath ruined, for with thee
907 Certain my resolution is to die;
908 How can I live without thee, how forgo
909 Thy sweet converse and Love so dearly joined,
910 To live again in these wild woods forlorn?
911 Should God create another Eve, and I
912 Another rib afford, yet loss of thee
913 Would never from my heart; no no, I feel
914 The link of nature draw me: flesh of flesh,

915 Bone of my bone thou art, and from thy state

916 Mine never shall be parted, bliss or woe.

917 So having said, as one from sad dismay

918 Recomforted, and after thoughts disturbed

919 Submitting to what seemed remediless,

920 Thus in calm mood his words to Eve he turned.