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The correct answer is C. The correct answer is B. Looking upon the life of Milton the politician merely as a sad and ignominious interlude in the life of Milton the poet, Pattison cannot be expected to entertain the idea that the poem is in any sense the work of the politician. B change to a new topic before ending the essay. D introduce a criticism that has not yet been discussed. The correct answer is A. This is a function question. In context, the author states that Pattison believes Milton did not have a political influence, and then refutes that idea with this sentence. If you chose D: This is not the first time a criticism is being introduced. The correct answer is D. This is a main idea question. The correct answer must be broad enough to encompass all three of the paragraphs of the passage without veering outside its scope. This is a more complete and accurate answer than the other choices. B It is regrettable and ignominious. C It is notable but inadequate. If you chose A: This choice is too extreme. If you chose B: C Milton was actively engaged in the politics of his day. D Milton likely opposed monarchism and totalitarian rule. This is an inference question. The correct answer will NOT be implied in the passage. This is one of the main ideas the author emphasizes throughout the passage. Each of the other three choices is also something the author implies. Question 9 Which choice provides the best evidence for the answer to the previous question? Use the left arrow below to go back and review the previous question. The author states at the end of the second paragraph: B initiated in a particular manner.

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An Introduction to the Prose and Poetical Works of John Milton Comprising All the Autobiographic Passages in His Works, the More Explicit Presentations of His Ideas of True Liberty. Language.

The most interesting portion of the book must be reckoned the first section of it, which reproduces for the first time the scarce small octavo of We know that it was set up from a copy of the edition, because it reproduces some pointless eccentricities such as the varying form of the chorus to Psalm cxxxvi; but while it corrects the errata tabulated in that edition it commits many more blunders of its own. It is valuable, however, as the editio princeps of ten of the sonnets, and it contains one important alteration in the Ode on the Nativity. This and all other alterations will be found noted where they occur. I have not thought it necessary to note mere differences of spelling between the two editions, but a word may find place here upon their general character. Generally it may be said that, where the two editions differ, the later spelling is that now in use. Thus words like goddess, darkness, usually written in the first edition with one final s, have two, while on the other hand words like vernall, youthfull, and monosyllables Edition: By a reciprocal change ayr and cipress become air and cypress; and the vowels in daign, vail, neer, beleeve, sheild, boosom, eeven, battail, travailer, and many other words are similarly modernized. Indeed the spelling in this later edition is not untouched by seventeenth century inconsistency. It retains here and there forms like shameles, cateres, where reads cateress, and occasionally reverts to the older-fashioned spelling of monosyllables without the mute e. In the matter of small or capital letters I have followed the old copy, except in one or two places where a personification seemed not plainly enough marked to a modern reader without a capital. Thus in Il Penseroso, l. Also where the employment or omission of a capital is plainly due to misprinting, as too frequently in the edition, I silently make the correction. Examples are, notes for Notes in Sonnet xvii. In regard to punctuation I have followed the old printers except in obvious misprints, and followed them also, as far as possible, in their distribution of roman and italic type and in the grouping of words and lines in the various titles. To follow them exactly was impossible, as the books are so very different in size. At this point the candid reader may perhaps ask what advantage is gained by presenting these poems to modern readers in the dress of a bygone age. If the question were put to me I should probably evade it by pointing out that Mr. Frowde is issuing an edition based upon this, in which the spelling is frankly that of to-day. But if the question were pressed, I think a sufficient answer might be found. To begin with, I should point out that even Prof. Masson, who in his excellent edition argues the point and decides in favour of modern spelling, allows that Edition: It is notorious that in Paradise Lost some words were spelt upon a deliberate system, and it may very well happen that in the volume of minor poems which the poet saw through the press in , there were spellings no less systematic. This is certainly true, as the reader may see for himself by comparing the passage from the manuscript given in the appendix with the corresponding place in the text. Take, for instance, such a line as the eleventh of Comus, which Prof. A reader not learned in Miltonic rhythms will certainly read this line: Again, in line , Prof. It shall be in eternal restless change Self-fed and self-consumed. Again in the second line of the Sonnet to a Nightingale Prof. The absence of a comma, for example, after the word hearse in the 58th line of the Epitaph on the Marchiones of Winchester, printed by Prof. In one respect, however, in the distribution of the poem into twelve books instead of ten, it has seemed best, for the sake of practical convenience, to follow the second edition. What the principle in the use of the double vowel exactly was and it is found to affect the other monosyllabic pronouns it is not so easy to discover, though roughly it is clear the reduplication was intended to mark emphasis. For example, in the speech of the Divine Son after the battle in heaven vi. Behold mee then, mee for him, life for life I offer, on mee let thine anger fall; Account mee man. In the Hymn of Creation v. Two lines are especially instructive: Speak yee who best can tell, ye Sons of light l. An examination of other passages, where there is no antithesis, goes to show that the lengthened form of the pronoun is most frequent before a pause as vii. But as we might expect under circumstances where a purist could not correct his own proofs, there are not a few

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inconsistencies. There does not seem, for example, any special emphasis in the second we of the following passage: Because wee freely love, as in our will To love or not; in this we stand or fall v. In that manuscript the constant forms are me, wee, yee. There is one place where there is a difference in the spelling of she, and it is just possible that this may not be due to accident. In the first verse of the song in Arcades, the MS. This, this is shee; and in the third verse: This, this is she alone. In Samson Agonistes it is more frequent e. Another word the spelling of which in Paradise Lost will be observed to vary is the pronoun their, which is spelt sometimes thir. The spelling in the Cambridge manuscript is uniformly thire, except once when it is thir; and where their once occurs in the writing of an amanuensis the e is struck through. It is probable that the lighter form of the word was intended to be used when it was quite unemphatic. Contrast, for example, in Book iii. His own works and their works at once to view with line Thir maker and thir making and thir Fate. But the use is not consistent, and the form thir is not found at all till the th line of the First Book. In these and the other poems I have corrected the misprints catalogued in the tables of Errata, and I have silently corrected any other unless it might be mistaken for a various reading, when I have called attention to it in a note. Thus I have not recorded such blunders as Letbian for Lesbian in the text of Lycidas, line 63; or hallow for hollow in Paradise Lost, vi. Coming nearer home I cannot but acknowledge the help I have received in looking over proof-sheets from my sister, Mrs. Barnett, who has ungrudgingly put at the service of this book both time and eyesight. In taking leave of it, I may be permitted to say that it has cost more of both these inestimable treasures than I had anticipated. The last proof reaches me just a year after the first, and the progress of the work has not in the interval been interrupted. In tenui labor et tenuis gloria. Nevertheless I cannot be sorry it was undertaken.

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This section needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. Milton studied, travelled, wrote poetry mostly for private circulation, and launched a career as pamphleteer and publicist under the increasingly personal rule of Charles I and its breakdown into constitutional confusion and war. The shift in accepted attitudes in government placed him in public office under the Commonwealth of England, from being thought dangerously radical and even heretical, and he even acted as an official spokesman in certain of his publications. The Restoration deprived Milton, now completely blind, of his public platform, but this period saw him complete most of his major works of poetry. The senior John Milton "moved to London around after being disinherited by his devout Catholic father Richard Milton for embracing Protestantism. In London, the senior John Milton married Sarah Jeffrey" and found lasting financial success as a scrivener. The elder Milton was noted for his skill as a musical composer, and this talent left his son with a lifelong appreciation for music and friendships with musicians such as Henry Lawes. There he began the study of Latin and Greek, and the classical languages left an imprint on both his poetry and prose in English he also wrote in Italian and Latin. John Milton at age 10 by Cornelis Janssens van Ceulen. One contemporary source is the Brief Lives of John Aubrey, an uneven compilation including first-hand reports. He graduated with a B. Milton may have been rusticated suspended in his first year for quarrelling with his tutor, Bishop William Chappell. Based on remarks of John Aubrey, Chappell "whipt" Milton. He also befriended Anglo-American dissident and theologian Roger Williams. Milton tutored Williams in Hebrew in exchange for lessons in Dutch. His own corpus is not devoid of humour, notably his sixth prolusion and his epitaphs on the death of Thomas Hobson. Study, poetry, and travel[edit] Further information: Early life of John Milton It appears in all his writings that he had the usual concomitant of great abilities, a lofty and steady confidence in himself, perhaps not without some contempt of others; for scarcely any man ever wrote so much, and praised so few. Of his praise he was very frugal; as he set its value high, and considered his mention of a name as a security against the waste of time, and a certain preservative from oblivion. He also lived at Horton, Berkshire, from and undertook six years of self-directed private study. Hill argues that this was not retreat into a rural idyll; Hammersmith was then a "suburban village" falling into the orbit of London, and even Horton was becoming deforested and suffered from the plague. As a result of such intensive study, Milton is considered to be among the most learned of all English poets. In addition to his years of private study, Milton had command of Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French, Spanish, and Italian from his school and undergraduate days; he also added Old English to his linguistic repertoire in the s while researching his History of Britain, and probably acquired proficiency in Dutch soon after. Comus argues for the virtuousness of temperance and chastity. He contributed his pastoral elegy Lycidas to a memorial collection for one of his fellow-students at Cambridge. He met famous theorists and intellectuals of the time, and was able to display his poetic skills. There are other records, including some letters and some references in his other prose tracts, but the bulk of the information about the tour comes from a work that, according to Barbara Lewalski, "was not intended as autobiography but as rhetoric, designed to emphasise his sterling reputation with the learned of Europe. Milton left France soon after this meeting. He travelled south from Nice to Genoa, and then to Livorno and Pisa. He reached Florence in July While there, Milton enjoyed many of the sites and structures of the city. His candour of manner and erudite neo-Latin poetry earned him friends in Florentine intellectual circles, and he met the astronomer Galileo who was under house arrest at Arcetri, as well as others. In [Florence], which I have always admired above all others because of the elegance, not just of its tongue, but also of its wit, I lingered for about two months. There I at once

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became the friend of many gentlemen eminent in rank and learning, whose private academies I frequentedâ€”a Florentine institution which deserves great praise not only for promoting humane studies but also for encouraging friendly intercourse. His poetic abilities impressed those like Giovanni Salzilli, who praised Milton within an epigram. Milton left for Naples toward the end of November, where he stayed only for a month because of the Spanish control. In *Defensio Secunda*, Milton proclaimed that he was warned against a return to Rome because of his frankness about religion, but he stayed in the city for two months and was able to experience Carnival and meet Lukas Holste, a Vatican librarian who guided Milton through its collection. He was introduced to Cardinal Francesco Barberini who invited Milton to an opera hosted by the Cardinal. Around March, Milton travelled once again to Florence, staying there for two months, attending further meetings of the academies, and spending time with friends. In Venice, Milton was exposed to a model of Republicanism, later important in his political writings, but he soon found another model when he travelled to Geneva. He vigorously attacked the High-church party of the Church of England and their leader William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, with frequent passages of real eloquence lighting up the rough controversial style of the period, and deploying a wide knowledge of church history. This experience and discussions with educational reformer Samuel Hartlib led him to write his short tract *Of Education* in 1644, urging a reform of the national universities. She did not return until 1646, partly because of the outbreak of the Civil War. In 1646, Milton had a brush with the authorities over these writings, in parallel with Hezekiah Woodward, who had more trouble. In *Areopagitica*, Milton aligns himself with the parliamentary cause, and he also begins to synthesize the ideal of neo-Roman liberty with that of Christian liberty. In 1647, Milton moved into a "pretty garden-house" in Petty France, Westminster. He lived there until the Restoration. Later it became No. 1. A month later, however, the exiled Charles II and his party published the defence of monarchy *Defensio Regia pro Carolo Primo*, written by leading humanist Claudius Salmasius. By January of the following year, Milton was ordered to write a defence of the English people by the Council of State. Alexander Morus, to whom Milton wrongly attributed the *Clamor in fact* by Peter du Moulin, published an attack on Milton, in response to which Milton published the autobiographical *Defensio pro se* in 1649. Milton held the appointment of Secretary for Foreign Tongues to the Commonwealth Council of State until 1651, although after he had become totally blind, most of the work was done by his deputies, Georg Rudolph Wecklein, then Philip Meadows, and from by the poet Andrew Marvell. Milton, however, stubbornly clung to the beliefs that had originally inspired him to write for the Commonwealth. In 1651, he published *A Treatise of Civil Power*, attacking the concept of a state-dominated church the position known as Erastianism, as well as *Considerations touching the likeliest means to remove hirelings*, denouncing corrupt practises in church governance. As the Republic disintegrated, Milton wrote several proposals to retain a non-monarchical government against the wishes of parliament, soldiers, and the people. Proposals of certain expedients for the preventing of a civil war now feared, written in November 1651. The work is an impassioned, bitter, and futile jeremiad damning the English people for backsliding from the cause of liberty and advocating the establishment of an authoritarian rule by an oligarchy set up by unelected parliament. Upon the Restoration in May 1660, Milton went into hiding for his life, while a warrant was issued for his arrest and his writings were burnt. He re-emerged after a general pardon was issued, but was nevertheless arrested and briefly imprisoned before influential friends intervened, such as Marvell, now an MP. Milton married for a third and final time on 24 February 1663, marrying Elizabeth Betty Minshull aged 24, a native of Wistaston, Cheshire. Giles, his only extant home. During this period, Milton published several minor prose works, such as the grammar textbook *Art of Logic* and a *History of Britain*. His only explicitly political tracts were the *Of True Religion*, arguing for toleration except for Catholics, and a translation of a Polish tract advocating an elective monarchy. Both these works were referred to in the Exclusion debate, the attempt to exclude the heir presumptive from the throne of Englandâ€”James, Duke of Yorkâ€”because he was Roman Catholic. That debate preoccupied politics in the 1660s and 1670s and precipitated the formation of the Whig party and the Glorious Revolution. Milton and his first wife Mary Powellâ€”had four children: Milton married for a third time on 24 February 1663 to Elizabeth Mynshull or Minshullâ€”, the niece of

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Thomas Mynshull, a wealthy apothecary and philanthropist in Manchester. Milton collected his work in Poems in the midst of the excitement attending the possibility of establishing a new English government. The anonymous edition of Comus was published in 1633, and the publication of Lycidas in 1638 in Justa Edouardo King Naufrago was signed J. The collection was the only poetry of his to see print until Paradise Lost appeared in 1667. As a blind poet, Milton dictated his verse to a series of aides in his employ. It has been argued that the poem reflects his personal despair at the failure of the Revolution, yet affirms an ultimate optimism in human potential. Some literary critics have argued that Milton encoded many references to his unyielding support for the "Good Old Cause". Just before his death in 1674, Milton supervised a second edition of Paradise Lost, accompanied by an explanation of "why the poem rhymes not", and prefatory verses by Andrew Marvell. In 1673, Milton republished his Poems, as well as a collection of his letters and the Latin prolusions from his Oxford days. Views[edit] An unfinished religious manifesto, De doctrina christiana, probably written by Milton, lays out many of his heterodox theological views, and was not discovered and published until 1825. Their tone, however, stemmed from the Puritan emphasis on the centrality and inviolability of conscience. The years 1639–42 were dedicated to church politics and the struggle against episcopacy. After his divorce writings, Areopagitica, and a gap, he wrote in 1643 in the aftermath of the execution of Charles I, and in polemic justification of the regicide and the existing Parliamentary regime. Then in 1659 he foresaw the Restoration, and wrote to head it off. In coming centuries, Milton would be claimed as an early apostle of liberalism. Austin Woolrych considers that although they were quite close, there is "little real affinity, beyond a broad republicanism", between their approaches. When Cromwell seemed to be backsliding as a revolutionary, after a couple of years in power, Milton moved closer to the position of Sir Henry Vane, to whom he wrote a sonnet in 1653. Milton had argued for an awkward position, in the Ready and Easy Way, because he wanted to invoke the Good Old Cause and gain the support of the republicans, but without offering a democratic solution of any kind. This attitude cut right across the grain of popular opinion of the time, which swung decisively behind the restoration of the Stuart monarchy that took place later in the year. In his early poems, the poet narrator expresses a tension between vice and virtue, the latter invariably related to Protestantism. In Comus, Milton may make ironic use of the Caroline court masque by elevating notions of purity and virtue over the conventions of court revelry and superstition. He has been accused of rejecting the Trinity, believing instead that the Son was subordinate to the Father, a position known as Arianism; and his sympathy or curiosity was probably engaged by Socinianism: Rufus Wilmot Griswold argued that "In none of his great works is there a passage from which it can be inferred that he was an Arian; and in the very last of his writings he declares that "the doctrine of the Trinity is a plain doctrine in Scripture. In his treatise, Of Reformation, Milton expressed his dislike for Catholicism and episcopacy, presenting Rome as a modern Babylon, and bishops as Egyptian taskmasters. He knew at least four commentaries on Genesis: These views were bound up in Protestant views of the Millennium, which some sects, such as the Fifth Monarchists predicted would arrive in England. Milton, however, would later criticise the "worldly" millenarian views of these and others, and expressed orthodox ideas on the prophecy of the Four Empires. Illustrated by Paradise Lost is mortalism, the belief that the soul lies dormant after the body dies. Though he may have maintained his personal faith in spite of the defeats suffered by his cause, the Dictionary of National Biography recounted how he had been alienated from the Church of England by Archbishop William Laud, and then moved similarly from the Dissenters by their denunciation of religious tolerance in England. Milton had come to stand apart from all sects, though apparently finding the Quakers most congenial. He never went to any religious services in his later years.

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