

B.A. 3RD SEMESTER (HONOURS) EXAMINATION, 2020-21

ENGLISH

Course ID: 30312

Course Code: AH/ENG-302/C-6

Course Title: British Literature: 19th Century

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer the following questions.

1. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 1x10= 10
 - a) Critically examine Jane Austen's use of irony in the novel *Pride and Prejudice*.
 - b) Write an essay on the relationship of Elizabeth and Darcy in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.
 - c) Dickens has divided his novel *Hard Times* into three sections entitled "Sowing", "Reaping" and "Garnering". Consider the structure of the novel showing the significance of these sections.
 - d) Critically consider the character and role of Stephen Blackpool in Dickens's *Hard Times*.

2. Answer *any one* of the following questions 1x10= 10
 - a) Analyse the imagery in Tennyson's "The Lady of Shalott" and show how the images help to build up the mood in the poem.
 - b) Sketch the character of the Duke as revealed in Browning's "My Last Duchess".

3. Answer *any one* of the following questions 1x10= 10
 - a) Write an essay on the contribution of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood to English poetry.
 - b) Consider critically Thomas Hardy's achievements as a novelist of the Victorian period.

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions:

5x2= 10

- a) Why does Elizabeth refuse to marry Collins in *Pride and Prejudice*?
- b) How did Wickham agree to marry Lydia?
- c) Why did Darcy's first proposal make Elizabeth angry?
- d) Comment on the significance of the name Gradgrind.
- e) What is the symbolic significance of Mrs. Sparsit's 'Staircase'?
- f) How did Stephen Blackpool lose his job?
- g) "It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles"— What does the speaker mean by "Happy Isles"? Whom does the speaker expect to see there?
- h) "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield"— Comment.
- i) What does the speaker in Browning's "The Last Ride Together" say about the achievement of a 'great sculptor'?
- j) "Fra Pandolf chanced to say"— Who was Fra Pandolf? What did he say?
