

**B.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> SEMESTER (HONOURS) EXAMINATION, 2021-22**

**ENGLISH**

**Course ID: 30312**

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

**Course Title: British Literature: 19<sup>th</sup> 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) Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* was at first titled *First Impressions*. Examine how the present title of the novel is more appropriate than the draft title.
- b) In which ways is Elizabeth different from the rest of the Bennet family? What does the contrast reveal about her character?
- c) Consider critically how Dickens' *Hard Times* shows the failure of the utilitarian education system of the time.
- d) Discuss the role of Sissy Jupe in *Hard Times*.

2. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 1x10= 10

- a) In what ways is 'Ulysses' a representative Victorian poem? — Discuss.
- b) How does the lover-speaker in Browning's 'The Last Ride Together' justify his failure? Answer with close reference to the text.

3. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 1x10= 10

- a) Write a note on Victorian poetry with special reference to Elizabeth Barrett Browning.
- b) Write an essay on Thomas Carlyle's contribution to English non-fictional prose.

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

5x2 = 10

- a) What is the prime objective in the life of Mrs. Bennet?
- b) What are the charges brought by Wickham against Mr. Darcy?
- c) What attitude to Elizabeth is expressed by Mr. Darcy at the ball?
- d) What is the source of the title of Chapter II, "Murdering the Innocents", in Dickens's *Hard Times*? How are the "Innocents" murdered?
- e) "You are the Hand they have sent to Coventry" – Name the "Hand". What does the phrase "sent to Coventry" mean?
- f) Briefly explain the significance of the chapter 'A Loophole'.
- g) What was the curse of the Lady residing in the island of Shalott?
- h) What does Ulysses say about his son Telemachus in Tennyson's poem 'Ulysses'?
- i) "Thus leant she and lingered" – How did she lean and linger?
- j) "Who would stoop to blame/This sort of trifling?" – What attitude of the speaker is expressed in these lines?

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