

B.A. 3rd Semester (Honours) Examination, 2019-20

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 right hand side margin indicate marks.

Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10

1. (a) (i) How appropriate is the title of the novel *Pride and Prejudice*?—Discuss.
Or,
(ii) Discuss Jane Austen’s portrayal of English social life in her novel *Pride and Prejudice*?
- (b) (i) How does Dickens explore the fact and fancy opposition in *Hard Times*? Discuss.
Or,
(ii) Critically evaluate *Hard Times* as an industrial novel.

Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10

2. (a) In “*The last Ride Together*” Browning presents the concept that “attempt is more important than achievement”.—Discuss.
- (b) Discuss Tennyson’s attitude to life as presented in his poem “*Ulysses*”.

Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10

3. (a) Assess the contribution of Gerard Manley Hopkins to Victorian poetry.
- (b) Write a note on Victorian prose with special reference to John Ruskin and Thomas Carlyle.

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions: 2×5=10

- (a) What was Darcy’s comment about Elizabeth in the ball at Netherfield Park?
- (b) How is Mr. Darcy responsible for the break up between Jane and Mr. Bingley?
- (c) According to Elizabeth, what is special about the character of Jane?
- (d) Explain the Biblical allusion in the title of the chapter “*The One Thing Needful*”.
- (e) How is the “old women” introduced in the novel *Hard Times*? What is her real identity?
- (f) Who is called the “bully of humility” and why?
- (g) Who was Telemachus? How does Ulysses differentiate himself from Telemachus?
- (h) Where is the Lady of Shalott imprisoned? What was she called by the reapers?
- (i) What does the fate of ‘*the last duchess*’? Who was responsible for that?
- (j) How does the lover justify his failure in love in “*The last Ride Together*”?