

B.A. Semester-VI Examination, 2022-23**ENGLISH [Honours]**

Course ID : 60311 Course Code : AH/ENG/601/C-13

Course Title : Popular Literature

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*Answer **all** the questions.**UNIT-I**

1. a) How does Lewis Carroll critically examine Victorian society and culture through his depiction of Alice in *Through the Looking Glass*? 10

OR

- b) "It's a great huge game of chess that's being played — all over the world." — Comment on Alice's journey through this game in *Through the Looking Glass*.

OR

- c) Discuss *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* as a social critique in the guise of a murder mystery.

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- d) The murderer in *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* is ultimately not a bloodthirsty killer or a sociopath, but an otherwise upstanding member of society. — Comment on the depiction of the murderer in *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*.

2. a) Justify *Bhimayana: Experiences of Untouchability* as a graphic novel. 10

OR

- b) Write a note on how Dr. Ambedkar received threat, torment, torture and discrimination from Hindu, Muslim, Christian and even Parsi people as represented in *Bhimayana: Experiences of Untouchability*.

3. a) Would you consider ethics and education to be formative components in children's literature? Discuss. 10

OR

- b) Give an account of the delineation of caste and gender and their effects on identity in modern Indian literature. Discuss with reference to some relevant texts.

UNIT-II

4. Answer **any five** of the following questions: $2 \times 5 = 10$
- a) Who was Alice in real life? What happened to the relationship between Lewis Carroll and Alice?
 - b) Who were John Parker and Geoffrey Raymond in *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*?
 - c) What is the meaning of "Jabberwocky"? What kind of poem is 'Jabberwocky'?
 - d) "...it was a very fortunate thing". — What is the "very fortunate thing" referred to by Mrs. Ackroyd?
 - e) What was inscribed inside the wedding ring found by Poirot?
 - f) Name the illustrators/graphic designers of Bhimayana. How did they come to know about Ambedkar?
 - g) What were the three final words of advice given by Dr. Ambedkar? Briefly comment.
 - h) With which event of history did Ambedkar compare his Satyagraha of 1927 and why did he compare thus?
 - i) According to *Manusmriti*, which was "excellent occupation for a shudra"?
 - j) What were the conditions imposed upon Ambedkar and his companions to be allowed to visit the fort at Daulatabad?