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2023

3rd Semester Examination

ENGLISH (Honours)

Paper : C 5-T

[British Literature : Victorian Period (1832-1900)]

(New Syllabus)

[Revised Syllabus, w.e.f. Session 2022-23]

[CBCS]

Full Marks : 60

Time : Three Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Group - A

Answer any *ten* of the following questions :

2×10=20

1. What kind of life style does Ulysses want to avoid?
2. How does the lover in Browning's poem compare himself with the poet?
3. What was the gift the Duke had given to the last Duchess?

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4. What is the meaning of the phrase "naked shingles"?
5. How are the goblins described in "Goblin Market"?
6. What does Stone Lodge symbolise?
7. Why did Wildeve's first attempt to marry Thomasin fail?
8. Why does Ulysses say "I am become a name"?
9. "My last thought was at least not vain" — What was the last thought of the speaker? Was it fulfilled?
10. "And see the great Achilles," — Explain the allusion.
11. "Who knows what's fit for us?" What is suggested here?
12. What is described as "sweet to tongue and sound to eye" in "Goblin Market"?
13. Who is Mrs. Sparsit?
14. How does Stephen die in *Hard Times*?
15. How did Mrs. Yeobright die?

Group - B

Answer any *four* of the following questions :

5×4=20

16. Comment on the "eternal note of sadness".
17. "Come, my friends, / 'T is not too late to seek a newer world." — Who is the speaker? Who are the friends? What does a newer world stand for?

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18. How is the Last Duchess presented in Browning's poem?
19. "For there is no friend like a sister/In calm or stormy weather." — Comment.
20. Comment on the role of the Circus people in *Hard Times*.
21. What role does Egdon Heath play in *The Return of the Native*?

Group - C

Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

22. Consider "The Last Ride Together" as a dramatic monologue.
23. Discuss *Hard Times* as a critique of utilitarianism.
24. What is the significance of the title of Hardy's novel *The Return of the Native*? Discuss.
25. Comment on the philosophy of life as represented in "Ulysses".



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1. Why are the years 1832 and 1859 important?
2. What is 'Rainy Hyades' in "Ulysses"?
3. Who is Fra Pandolf in "My Last Duchess"?
4. What does the sculpture Neptune taming a sea-horse symbolise in "My Last Duchess"?
5. Who says "I am become a name" and why?

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6. What was the gift the Duke had given to the last Duchess?
7. To what is the lover's soul compared in "The Last Ride Together"?
8. Comment on the line 'Fail I alone, in words and deeds?'.
9. Who is Sophocles? What did he hear on the Aegean?
10. Comment on the simile in the last stanza of the poem "Dover Beach".
11. What was the original title of *Hard Times*?
12. Where and when is Dickens's *Hard Times* set?
13. Who calls himself the 'Great Pyramid of Failure' in *Hard Times* and why?
14. Whose room in *Hard Times* is called an observatory and why?
15. What is 'Oxford Movement'? Who was the leader of this movement?

Group - B

Answer any *four* of the following questions :

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16. Point out the contrasting traits of Ulysses and his son.

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17. Briefly comment on the character of the Duchess in "My Last Duchess".
18. How does Browning represent the theme of unrequited love in "The Last Ride Together"?
19. Describe the scenic background of the poem "Dover Beach".
20. "... I gave commands; / Then all smiles stopped together" — Explain.
21. Comment on the role of the circus people in *Hard Times*.

Group - C

Answer any *two* of the following questions :

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22. Consider Tennyson's "Ulysses" as a representative poem of the Victorian era.
23. Would you consider "The Last Ride Together" to be a successful dramatic monologue? Give reasons for your answer.
24. How far is Arnold's own dictum that poetry is a criticism of life found applicable to the poem "Dover Beach"?
25. Write a brief note on Dickens's art of characterisation with reference to Thomas Gradgrind.

