U.G. 4th Semester Examination - 2021
ENGLISH
Course Code : BENGCCHT403

Course Title : British Literature : 19th Century

Full Marks : 40   Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

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

1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

$1 \times 10 = 10$

a) How many years have the Bennets been married?

b) Why does Fitzwilliam refrain from marriage?

c) How does Collins describe young Miss de Bourgh?

d) When was the novel 'Hard Times' written?

e) What is the observatory in 'Hard Times'?

f) For what purpose was the black ladder used in the narrow streets of Coketown?

g) What is the name of Mrs. Yeobright's house?

h) What play do the mummers put on in 'The Return of the Nature'?

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i) What was Clym's vocation towards the end of the novel?

j) Who is an 'idle king' according to Ulysses?

k) Why does the poet Tennyson think that 'dull its to pause?

l) Mention any one characteristic of a dramatic monologue.

m) Who painted the picture of the Last Duchess?

n) To whom is the poem Dover Beach addressed to?

o) 'The sea is calm tonight'– Which sea is referred to here?

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

$2 \times 5 = 10$

a) What is Mr. Collins first argument to Elizabeth explaining why he should marry?

b) What is the most repeated word in Dickens' description of the opening speaker in 'Hard Times'. Account for its repetitiveness?

c) Who tells Clym about his mother's last words? What does he say?

d) 'I will drink life to the lees'— Examine the imagery used in this line.

e) 'but something ere the end'— What is the 'something' referred to here?

f) 'Sir, 't was all one'— What was 'all one'?

g) Explain what is meant by 'the sea of faith' in Arnold's poem.

h) 'Lay like the folds of a bright girdle'— What is the comparison in this line?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

a) Comment on the use of symbols in Dickens 'Hard Times'.

b) Show how the Duke of Ferrara unwittingly reveals himself in 'My Last Duchess'.

c) Would you say that 'Ulysses' is a poem of escape? Substantiate your answer.

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

$$10 \times 1 = 10$$

a) Comment on the appropriateness and significance of the title 'Pride and Prejudice'.

b) Consider Hardy's depiction of Eustacia Uye. Would you say that she has been 'magnified into a splendid romantic figure?

c) How far does 'Dover Beach' uphold Arnold's view that 'poetry is a criticism of life'? Answer with reference to the text.

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