

B.A. Semester III (Honours) Examination, 2019**ENGLISH****Course ID: 30312****Course Code: AHENG-302C-6**

Course Title: British Literature: 19th 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.***Unit I**

1×10=10

1. (a) (i) *Pride and Prejudice* primarily deals with the theme of love and marriage.– Discuss. 10
- Or,*
- (ii) Critically evaluate the use of irony in Austin's *Pride and Prejudice*.
- Or,*
- (b) (i) Critically consider the function of the Circus troupe in *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens. 10
- Or,*
- (ii) Briefly sketch the character of Thomas Gradgrind in *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens.
2. (a) Consider Robert Browning's 'My Last Duchess' as a dramatic monologue. 10
- Or,*
- (b) 'The Lady of Shalott' by Alfred Tennyson is a poem on indomitable human desire.– Discuss. 10
3. (a) Write a note on the women novelists of the Victorian period. 10
- Or,*
- (b) Assess the contribution of the Pre-Raphaelite poets to Victorian English poetry. 10

Unit II

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions: 2×5=10
- (a) 'I am part of all that I have met.' What does the speaker want to mean?
- (b) 'Who knows what's fit for us?' Why does the speaker think so?
- (c) Very briefly explain the significance of the chapter 'A Loophole'.
- (d) 'The instant made eternity,...' Comment with reference to the context.

- (e) 'I am half sick of shadows' – Point out some 'shadows' referred to.
 - (f) 'You may cut the piece out with your penknife if you like, Tom. I wouldn't cry!' – What compelled the speaker to comment so?
 - (g) 'Angels are not like me.' When does the speaker say so and why?
 - (h) What is the prime objective in the life of Mrs. Bennet?
 - (i) 'I would not wish to be hasty in censuring any one; but I always speak what I think.' Briefly explain the situation that influenced the speaker to say so.
 - (j) 'I entreat you not to suppose that I moved this way in order to beg for a partner' – What motivated the speaker to say so?
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