

COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 3rd Semester Examinations, 2022

ENGLISH

BRITISH LITERATURE: LATE 19TH CENTURY

CORE-5

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Answer any one from the following questions:

 $15 \times 1 = 15$

(a) How is the theme of gender and oppression portrayed in Charlotte Bronte's novel Jane Eyre. Argue.

OR

Do you agree that Charles Dickens' *Hard Times* connives the theme of utilitarianism, along with education and industrialisation. Argue.

- (b) Discuss Browning's "The Last Ride Together" as a dramatic monologue.
- (c) How does Tennyson blend optimism and pessimism in his poem "Ulysses"? Discuss.
- (d) "An unheroic hero, Bluntschli is an ordinary soldier of flesh and blood who is afraid to die." Do you agree? Argue.

OR

Justify the title of Oscar Wilde's play The Importance of Being Earnest.

2. Answer any one from the following questions:

 $10 \times 1 = 10$

(a) Describe the character of Edward Rochester as portrayed in Jane Eyre.

OR

Analyse the character of Josiah Bounderby as a self-made man in Dickens' *Hard Times*.

- (b) Attempt a critical analysis of Browning's poem "My Last Duchess."
- (c) Discuss Shaw's Arms and the Man as a drama of War and Love.

OR

Briefly analyse the character of Algernon Moncrieff in the context of the play The Importance of Being Earnest.

3. Answer any one from the following questions:

 $5 \times 1 = 5$

(a) What is the significance of Major Petkoff's coat in Arms and the Man.

OR

What is Bunburism? What role does it play in The Importance of Being Earnest?

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(b) Briefly describe the importance of Mrs. Sparsit's Staircase in Hard Times.

OR

What is the significance of "The Red-Room" in Jane Eyre?

- (c) What happens to the Lady of Shalott when she sees Sir Lancelot?
- 4. Answer any ten questions from the following:

 $1 \times 10 = 10$

(a) How does John Reed die in Jane Eyre?

OR

What is Sissy's real name in Hard Times?

(b) Who is Adèle's mother in Jane Eyre?

OR

Who arranges the marriage between Louisa and Mr. Bounderby?

(c) What was the color of the room that Jane was locked in at Gateshead?

OR

What is the name of Slackbridge's labor movement?

- (d) What does the Lady of Shallot continue to do until her life ends?
- (e) What is the name of Ulysses' son?
- (f) Who wrote the poem "Defence of Lucknow"?
- (g) "Fail I alone, in words and deeds? Why, all men strive and who succeeds?"

 Which poem is this line taken from?
- (h) Who was Fra Lippo Lippi on whom Browning has written a famous monologue?
- (i) Who is the speaker of "My Last Duchess"?
- (i) What is the subtitle of Shaw's Arms and the Man.

OR

Where was Jack found as a baby in The Importance of Being Earnest?

(k) Who realises Raina is hiding an enemy soldier?

OR

What does Algernon mean when he says that Lady Bracknell rings the doorbell in a "Wagnerian manner"?

(1) What is Raina's nickname for Bluntschli?

OR

Who is Cecily's governess?

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