

2019

B.A.

3rd Semester Examination

ENGLISH (Honours)

Paper—C 5-T

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

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

1. Answer *any 10* questions : 2×10=20
- (i) 'To rust unburnished, not to shine in use'—
Explain the metaphor in the given line. 2
- (ii) Who is Ferrara in 'My Last Duchess'? What
was he proud of? 2
- (iii) What does Arnold mean by 'the moon-
blanch'd land in 'Dover Beach'? 2
- (iv) Explain the meaning of the phrase 'naked
shingles'. 2
- (v) *Who called Hard Times a moral fable and
why?* 2

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- (vi) Who calls himself the 'Great Pyramid of Failure' in *Hard Times* and why? 2
- (vii) Why does Arnold refer to Sophocles in his poem 'Dover Beach'? 2
- (viii) What is Hyades in 'Ulysses'. 2
- (ix) What does 'Neptune taming a sea horse' symbolize? 2
- (x) Explain the phrase 'fleshly screen' in 'The Last Ride Together'? 2
- (xi) Why are the years 1832 and 1859 important? 2
- (xii) What is 'Oxford Movement'? Who was the leader of this movement? 2
- (xiii) What was the gift the Duke had given to the Duchess? 2
- (xiv) Who are known as the ignorant armies in 'Dover Beach'? 2

(xv) Whose room in *Hard Times* is called an observatory and why? 2

(xvi) What was the original title of *Hard Times*? 2

2. Answer *any 4* questions : 5×4=20

(i) 'I will drink life to the lees'. Who is the speaker? Bring out the significance of the metaphor. 5

(ii) Bring out the element of melancholy in 'Dover Beach' 5

(iii) Comment on the role of the Circus people in 'Hard Times'. 5

(iv) How does the speaker in 'The Last Ride Together' show the futility of a poet's life in comparison to his ride with the beloved? 5

(v) Examine the importance of the setting of the novel 'Hard Times'. 5

(vi) 'He works his work, I mine'—Explain and comment. 5

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3. Answer *any* 2 questions : 2×10=20

- (i) Evaluate 'My Last Duchess' as a dramatic monologue. 10
- (ii) How does "Ulysses" present the Victorian philosophy of life? Illustrate your answer with proper textual references to the poem. 10
- (iii) 'The Last Ride Together' is based on the theme of unrequited love—Substantiate the statement. 10
- (iv) Write a brief note on Dickens's art of characterization with reference to Thomas Grandgrind. 2
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