

B.A. 4th Semester (Honours) Examination, 2023 (CBCS)

Subject : English

Course : CC-X

(British Literature)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

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

2×10=20

- (a) What causes the mirror to break in "The Lady of Shallot"?
- (b) What is the curse on the Lady of Shallot?
- (c) How does the poet describe the landscape leading to "many-towerd Camelot"?
- (d) What is the significance of the sculpture of Neptune in "My Last Duchess"?
- (e) What does the Duke say about the heart of his last duchess in Brownings' poem "My Last Duchess"?
- (f) What is the implication of the title "My Last Duchess"?
- (g) Why does the Duke speak about his previous wife to the listener in "My Last Duchess"?
- (h) Describe the change that comes over Laura after her tasting the goblin fruit for the first time in "Goblin Market".
- (i) What does Laura tell the goblin fruit-sellers when she is attracted by their fruits?
- (j) Why do the two sisters go to the brook every evening in "Goblin Market"?
- (k) Where and when did Mr. Reed die in Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*?
- (l) Why did Mr. Lockwood marry Bertha Mason in *Jane Eyre*?
- (m) Who is Helen and what advice does she give Jane regarding life in *Jane Eyre*?
- (n) How does Jane's first encounter with Rochester take place in *Jane Eyre*?
- (o) Who is Blanche Ingram in *Jane Eyre*?

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

5×4=20

- (a) Explain the following lines with reference to the context:
“This grew; I gave commands;
Then all smiles stopped together.”
- (b) Write a short note on Mr. Brocklehurst in Charlotte Bronte’s *Jane Eyre*.
- (c) What do Lizzie and Laura tell their children at the end of Christina Rossetti’s “Goblin Market”?
- (d) Explain the symbol of the web in Tennyson’s “The Lady of Shalott”.
- (e) Who is St. John Rivers in *Jane Eyre* and why does Jane decline to marry him?
- (f) Who is Fra Pandolf in “My Last Duchess”? What does the Duke say about him?

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

10×2=20

- (a) Discuss, with adequate textual references, Dickens’ critique of Utilitarianism in the novel *Hard Times*.
- (b) How does *The Return of the Native* project Hardy’s tragic vision? Discuss with suitable references to the text.
- (c) Examine the features of dramatic monologue in Brownings “My Last Duchess”.

Or

Critically analyse the major symbols used by Tennyson in “The Lady of Shalott”.

- (d) Critically analyse Christina Rossetti’s “Goblin Market” as an exploration of the themes of temptation, sacrifice and salvation.
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