



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2021

ENGACOR10T-ENGLISH (CC10)

19TH CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

NOTE: Long questions and (RTC)/short questions cannot be attempted from the same text.

SECTION-I

1. Answer any **one** question from the following in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Tennyson's 'Ulysses' encapsulates two distinct philosophies of life. How is this brought out in the poem? Discuss.
 - (b) How does Arnold criticise his contemporary time through the poem 'Dover Beach'?
 - (c) Browning's monologues capture his characters at a crucial juncture of their lives. How far is this true of 'My Last Duchess'? Analyse in detail with textual reference.
2. Explain with reference to the context any **one** from the following in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5
 - (a) She thanked men, -- good! but thanked
Somehow — I know not how — as if she ranked
My gift of a nine-hundred-years-old name
With anybody's gift.
 - (b) As tho' to breath were life! Life piled on life
Were all too little, and of one to me
Little remains:....
 - (c) Sophocles long ago
Heard it on the Ægean,...

SECTION-II

3. (a) How does Jane Austen deal with the theme of money, marriage and love in the novel *Pride and Prejudice*? 15×1 = 15

OR

- (b) Comment on Jane Austen's use of irony and humour in *Pride and Prejudice*.

SECTION-III

4. Answer any **one** question from the following in about 500 words: 10×1 = 10
- (a) How does Arnold claim 'intellectual deliverance' to be an attribute of a 'modern era' in the essay 'On Modern Elements in Literature'?
- (b) Comment on Carlyle's evaluation of Shakespeare in 'Hero as a Poet'.
5. Answer any **one** question from the following in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5
- (a) On what grounds does Carlyle compare Shakespeare with Dante and Homer?
- (b) Why does Arnold suggest that it is only the 'poetical literature' of an age which can perfectly interpret that particular age?

N.B. : *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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