



B.A./4th Sem/ENG/25(NEP)

2025

4th Semester Examination (CCFUP : NEP)

ENGLISH

Paper : MJ 5-T (Single Core Major)

(British Literature : Victorian Period)

Full Marks : 60

Time : Three Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers

in their own words as far as practicable.

Group - A

Answer any *five* questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

1. What is the speaker's specific comment on old age in *Ulysses*?
2. Briefly explain the line "Who knows but the world may end tonight?"
3. Comment on the simile in the last stanza of *Dover Beach*.
4. Why can't Laura hear or see the goblins after eating the fruit in Rossetti's *Goblin Market*?

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5. Why is Sissy referred to as 'girl number twenty' in *Hard Times*?
6. Comment on the significance of the name Gradgrind.
7. What is the oath taken by Henchard in repentance of his action?
8. What is the significance of the Skimmity ride in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*?

Group - B

Answer any *four* questions : $5 \times 4 = 20$

9. How does Arnold use the metaphor of the sea in *Dover Beach* to convey the theme of uncertainty and disillusionment?
10. Explain with reference to the context : "Sweet to tongue and Sound to eye; / Come buy, come buy".
11. What is the importance of Coketown in the novel *Hard Times*?
12. What is the significance of the ending of *Hard Times*?
13. Comment on the role of the Furmity Woman in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
14. Explain the symbol of the 'Caged Gold finch' in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

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Group - C

Answer any *three* questions : 10×3=30

15. Consider Tennyson's *Ulysses* as a representative poem of the Victorian era.
 16. Evaluate Browning's optimistic philosophy as revealed in *The Last Ride Together*.
 17. Critically analyse Rossetti's *Goblin Market* as an exploitation of the themes of temptation, sacrifice and salvation.
 18. Consider *Hard Times* as a critique of Industrial society.
 19. Comment on Hardy's tragic vision of life as reflected in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
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