

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
