

Q.P. Code – 31451

Fourth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, September 2020

(CBCS Scheme)

Optional English

Paper IV – BRITISH LITERATURE – VICTORIAN AGE

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 90

Instructions to Candidates :

- 1) *Write answers in legible and correct English.*
- 2) *Answers should be relevant, textual and critical.*
- 3) *Mention the question numbers correctly.*

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SECTION – A

(HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE)

1. Answer any **TEN** of the following in a word or phrase or a sentence : **(10 × 1 = 10)**
 - (a) Name Thomas De Quincey's autobiographical work.
 - (b) Who wrote 'History of English People'?
 - (c) What was the contribution of John Stuart Mill as a moralist?
 - (d) Who is the author of 'The Origin of Species'?
 - (e) Who was known as the Aristotle of Modern Times?
 - (f) Who was greatest figure in the Oxford movement?
 - (g) Mention any two novels of Dickens.
 - (h) Mention any two novels of Hardy.
 - (i) 'In Memoriam' is written by _____.
 - (j) Name the sonnet sequence of Rossetti.
 - (k) What is Robert Browning's typical form?
 - (l) Mention any two works of William Makepeace Thackeray.
 - (m) Name the two poets who represent Victorian pessimism.
 - (n) Who was Samuel Butler?
 - (o) The Jungle Book is written by _____.

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2. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 80-100 words : (1 × 5 = 5)

- (a) The Reform Bill
- (b) Characteristics of Victorian Poetry
- (c) The Oxford movement

SECTION – B

(POETRY)

3. Annotate any **FOUR** of the following : (4 × 5 = 20)

- (a) All things are taken from us, and become
Portions and parcels of the dreadful past.
- (b) Dear is the memory of our wedded lives,
And dear the last embraces of our wives,
And their warm tears; but all hath suffered change.
- (c) Too easily impressed, she liked whatever
She looked on, and her looks went everywhere
- (d) Ah, love, let us be true
To one another! for the world, which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
- (e) The ancient pulse of germ and birth
Was shrunken hard and dry.
- (f) The land's sharp features seemed to be
The century's corpse out leant.

4. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about 200 words : (2 × 10 = 20)

- (a) "The adventurous spirit of Ulysses is contrasted with lethargic attitude of his fellow mariners in the poem Lotus Eaters." – Elucidate.
- (b) "Despite his suspicious behaviour the Duke in Browning's poem 'My Last Duchess' has a fine taste for art." – Elucidate
- (c) "Spiritual depths of the Famine soul are expressed in Rossetti's 'The Blessed Damozel'." – Discuss.
- (d) "The 'Darkling Thrush' represents a despair regarding the 19th century and the industrial revolution." – Discuss.

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5. Write a short note on **ONE** of the following in about 80-100 words : (1 × 5 = 5)
- (a) The image of Nature in 'The Blessed Damozel'
 - (b) The Duke of Ferrara
 - (c) Memories of home and homeland in 'Lotus Eaters'

SECTION – C
(ESSAYS)

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6. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 200 words : (1 × 10 = 10)
- (a) "Thomas Carlyle expresses his disappointment with the contemporary industrialised, mechanised way of life in his essay 'The Mechanical age'." – Discuss.
 - (b) "Religion and Philosophy will be replaced by poetry." Elucidate with reference to Arnold's essay.
 - (c) Consider Arnold's 'touch stone method', a tool to find out the best in poetry.
7. Write a short note on **ONE** of the following in about 80-100 words : (1 × 5 = 5)
- (a) Arnold's views on Gray
 - (b) Arnold on Chaucer
 - (c) Carlyle on Mechanical attitude of modern man

SECTION – D
(NOVEL)

8. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 200 words : (1 × 10 = 10)
- (a) Consider, Oliver Twist, a representative work of the Victorian age.
 - (b) Describe the world of the anti-socials in the novel 'Oliver Twist'.
 - (c) Portray the character of 'Oliver'.
9. Write a short note on **ONE** of the following in about 80-100 words : (1 × 5 = 5)
- (a) Rose Maylie
 - (b) Nancy
 - (c) Noah Claypole