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Question Paper

B.A. Honours Examinations 2021

(Under CBCS Pattern)

Semester - III

Subject: ENGLISH

Paper : C 5-T

British Literature: 19th Century (1832-1900)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

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

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Group - A

Answer **any four** of the following:

12×4=48

1. Assess Tennyson's "Ulysses" as a representative Victorian poem.
2. Consider Browning's "My Last Duchess" as a dramatic monologue.
3. Evaluate Browning's optimistic philosophy as revealed in "The Last Ride Together".
4. Arnold's "Dover Beach" is a comment on the loss of faith in Victorian England. Elucidate.
5. Comment on the plot construction of Dickens's *Hard Times*.
6. Write a note on the representation of Victorian Utilitarianism in *Hard Times*.

7. Compare and contrast the characters of Louisa Gradgrind and Sissy Jupe in *Hard Times*.
8. What is the significance of the title *Hard Times*?

Group - B

Answer **any six** of the following:

2×6=12

1. What is referred to as 'Happy Isles' in "Ulysses"?
 2. Explain the figure of speech in the final lines of "Ulysses".
 3. Why does the speaker think he is more fortunate than the sculptor in "The Last Ride Together"?
 4. Briefly explain the line "Who knows but the world may end tonight?"
 5. Explain the reference to Neptune in "My Last Duchess".
 6. Who is "Fra Pandolf"?
 7. What does the sea symbolize in "Dover Beach"?
 8. Where is Dover Beach located?
 9. What are the titles of the three books of the novel *Hard Times*?
 10. What is the main principle of Mr. Gradgrind's philosophy?
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