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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2023

CC10-ENGLISH

BRITISH LITERATURE: 19TH CENTURY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions: 10×2 = 20

(a) Attempt a character sketch of Edward Rochester.

OR

(b) Critically comment on Charlotte Bronte's treatment of nature in *Jane Eyre*.

(c) Is Madame Defarge too malevolent to be convincing? Argue your answer.

OR

(d) How far would you agree with the view that *A Tale of Two Cities* is a tragedy of vengeance?

(e) Examine Jane Austen's treatment of love and marriage in *Pride and Prejudice*.

OR

(f) Analyse Jane Austen's portrayal of Mr and Mrs Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice*.

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions: 10×2 = 20

(a) With reference to "My Last Duchess" show how Browning's "stress lay on the incidents in the development of a soul".

OR

(b) Examine the nature of Browning's optimism with reference to "The Last Ride Together".

(c) Evaluate Tennyson's "Ulysses" as a representative Victorian poem.

OR

(d) How does Tennyson deal with the theme of isolation in "The Lady of Shalott"?

(e) Critically consider "Goblin Market" as a religious allegory.

OR

(f) Assess "Goblin Market" as a poem of female solidarity.

3. Answer any **four** of the following questions: 5×4 = 20
- (a) Why does Mr. Collins propose to marry Elizabeth?
 - (b) What does the poet mean by “the instant made eternity” in “The Last Ride Together”?
 - (c) “I will drink life to the lees” — Explain with reference to the context.
 - (d) How does Dickens depict the storming of the Bastille in *A Tale of Two Cities*?
 - (e) Bring out the significance of the Red Room in *Jane Eyre*.
 - (f) Who is Jennie and what is her predicament in “Goblin Market”?
 - (g) How does the Duke describe his last Duchess?
 - (h) Comment on the ending of “Goblin Market”.
 - (i) Why did the mirror crack in “The Lady of Shalott”?
 - (j) “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times” — Explain with reference to the context.

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