

The University of Burdwan
B.A. Part-III (Honours) Special Examination, 2020

Subject: English

Paper: V

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

(NEW SYLLABUS)

1. Answer **any three** of the following questions: 3X10=30
- a. Write a brief note on the contribution made by either Robert Browning or Lord Tennyson to English literature.
 - b. Critically respond to the note of melancholy in 'Dover Beach'.
 - c. Comment on the religious tone of Hopkins's poem 'Thou art Indeed Just Lord'
 - d. What is the significance of the title of *Hard Times*?
 - e. Compare and contrast the characters of Elizabeth Jane and Lucetta in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
2. Answer **any four** of the following questions: 4x5=20
- a. Explain:
I love thee with the passion put to use
 In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
 - b. Explain:
Somehow — I know not how — as if she ranked
 My gift of a nine-hundred-years-old name
 With anybody's gift.
 - c. Explain:
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
 Praise him.
 - d. Gradgrind's philosophy is one of rational self-interest. Comment briefly on this statement.
 - e. Write a short note on any one of the minor characters in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
 - f. Write a short note on **any one**: (a) Adam (b) Aphrodite (c) Daedalus (d) Oedipus
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