

**2022**

**ENGLISH**

**[HONOURS]**

**(B.A. Third Semester-End Examination-2022)**

**PAPER: HCC-5**

**Full Marks: 60**

**Time: 03 Hrs**

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

**1. Attempt any two of the following questions taking one  
from each group: 2×10= 20**

**Group-A**

- i) Comments upon Tennyson's philosophy of life as reflected in the poem "Ulysses".
- ii) How does Browning reveal the character of the Duke in "My Last Duchess"?

**Group-B**

- iii) Critically evaluate the use of Gothic elements in Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*.
- iv) Justify the aptness of the title of *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

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**2. Attempt any four of the following questions. 4×5=20**

- i) How do you explain the expression, 'the eternal note of sadness' in "Dover Beach"?
- ii) "Then all smiles stopped together." — Comment critically.
- iii) Locate and comment: "The petty done, the undone vast".
- iv) How did the Bronte sisters influence Victorian literature?
- v) Write a note on the significance of the 'Red Room' episode.
- vi) How do the 'cucumber sandwiches' in Act-1 of *The Importance of Being Earnest* address the elements of Victorian society?
- vii) What kind of conflict between science and religion is seen in "Ulysses"?

**3. Attempt any ten of the following questions. 10×2=20**

- i) How does the poet describe 'the Sea of Faith' in "Dover Beach"?
- ii) To whom does the poet urge to 'be true' in "Dover Beach"?
- iii) What is the symbolic significance of the statue of Neptune in "My Last Duchess"?
- iv) Who is Adele Varens?

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- v) What does the speaker in Browning's "The Last Ride Together" claim from his lady after being rejected by her? Why does he do so?
- vi) Whom does the lover in the poem "The Last Ride Together" compare himself to and why?
- vii) Comment on the metaphor used in the expression — "a long-cramped scroll".
- viii) Why did the Victorian women writers choose to write under pseudonym?
- ix) Which region of England is portrayed by Thomas Hardy in his novels? Name some of the great novels of Hardy.
- x) In which year was the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood formed? Name two members of this group.
- xi) "To follow knowledge, like a sinking star." — What does the speaker want to convey here?
- xii) What was the background against which the poem "My Last Duchess" was written?
- xiii) Why does Jane leave Thornfield Hall?
- xiv) Why does Jack establish two different identities for himself in Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*?
- xv) Who is Cecily and how is she related to Jack?

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