



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2021

**ENGACOR10T-ENGLISH (CC10)**

**19TH CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

NOTE: Long questions and (RTC)/short questions cannot be attempted from the same text.

**SECTION-I**

1. Answer any **one** question from the following in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Tennyson's 'Ulysses' encapsulates two distinct philosophies of life. How is this brought out in the poem? Discuss.
- (b) How does Arnold criticise his contemporary time through the poem 'Dover Beach'?
- (c) Browning's monologues capture his characters at a crucial juncture of their lives. How far is this true of 'My Last Duchess'? Analyse in detail with textual reference.
2. Explain with reference to the context any **one** from the following in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5
- (a) She thanked men, -- good! but thanked  
Somehow — I know not how — as if she ranked  
My gift of a nine-hundred-years-old name  
With anybody's gift.
- (b) As tho' to breath were life! Life piled on life  
Were all too little, and of one to me  
Little remains:....
- (c) Sophocles long ago  
Heard it on the Ægean,...

**SECTION-II**

3. (a) How does Jane Austen deal with the theme of money, marriage and love in the novel *Pride and Prejudice*? 15×1 = 15

**OR**

- (b) Comment on Jane Austen's use of irony and humour in *Pride and Prejudice*.

**SECTION-III**

4. Answer any **one** question from the following in about 500 words: 10×1 = 10
- (a) How does Arnold claim ‘intellectual deliverance’ to be an attribute of a ‘modern era’ in the essay ‘On Modern Elements in Literature’?
- (b) Comment on Carlyle’s evaluation of Shakespeare in ‘Hero as a Poet’.
5. Answer any **one** question from the following in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5
- (a) On what grounds does Carlyle compare Shakespeare with Dante and Homer?
- (b) Why does Arnold suggest that it is only the ‘poetical literature’ of an age which can perfectly interpret that particular age?

**N.B. :** *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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