

- iv) Name the two novels of Defoe which feature female protagonists.
- v) Who coined the phrase the "Condition of England Question"? Name the essay which defines the phrase.
- vi) In which text of Carlyle the central character is German? What does the title of that text mean in English?
- vii) Name the two novels of Charles Dickens which employ a first-person narrator and a double narrator respectively.
- viii) Which book influenced Dickens in writing *A Tale of Two Cities*? Name the author of the book.
- ix) Which novel of Charlotte Bronte may be called a "Condition of England" novel and why?
- x) Mention the pseudonyms used by Anne Bronte and Emily Bronte.
- xi) Name the two novels of Bronte sisters which employ governess-narrator.
- xii) Mention two contemporary events to which *Oliver Twist* responds.
- xiii) Name the two imaginary species mentioned in *Gulliver's Travels*, Bk. IV.
- xiv) What does the book of history written by Carlyle deal with?
- xv) Mention the prisons referred to in the first two books of *A Tale of Two Cities*.

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ENGLISH

[MAJOR]

Course Code : ENG-MJ-T-4

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Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ Hours

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

UNIT-I

[Marks : 15]

If the student answers question no. 1 from Group A, she must choose question no. 2 from Group B and vice versa.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any one of the following questions: 10×1=10
 - a) How does Swift fit into the eighteenth-century satirical tradition? Answer with reference to *Gulliver's Travels*.
 - b) *Gulliver's Travels* may be called "a dark howl of rage against humankind". Critically comment on Swift's misanthropy with reference to *Gulliver's Travels*.
2. Answer any one of the following questions: 5×1=5
 - a) Comment on Gulliver's perception of the Houyhnhnms.
 - b) What does the conflict between the Big Endians and Small Endians signify?

GROUP-B

1. Answer any one of the following questions: 10×1=10
 - a) Robinson Crusoe's journey has been from a "lonely exile" to a "proto-colonist". Elucidate.

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- b) With *Robinson Crusoe* Daniel Defoe pioneered "a new art form". Comment on the literary tradition of the age as reflected in *Robinson Crusoe*.

2. Answer any **one** of the following questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- a) Comment on Crusoe's relationship with Friday.
b) Explain with reference to the context: "My island was now peopled, and I thought myself very rich in subjects ... my people were perfectly subjected. I was absolute Law-gives they all ow'd their lives to me..."

If the student answers question no. 3 from Unit II, she must choose question no. 4 from Unit III and vice versa.

UNIT-II

3. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

$$10 \times 1 = 10$$

- a) Discuss *Hard Times* as a novel on the "Condition of England".
b) Discuss Jane Eyre, as a representative of women in the Victorian England in her insistence on gender equality and marital interdependence.

4. Answer any **three** of the following questions:

$$5 \times 3 = 15$$

- a) Write a note on the character portrayal of Bounderby.
b) The failure of Louisa's marriage to Bounderby is a critique of the marital laws sanctified by religion. Comment on the above remark.
c) Give a brief account of Jane Eyre's experience in Lowood School.
d) Briefly comment on Jane Eyre's first encounter with Rochester.

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UNIT-III

3. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

$$10 \times 1 = 10$$

- a) "*The English Teacher* is autobiographical in content, very little part of it being fiction". Do you agree with the above authorial comment? Substantiate your standpoint with reference to the text..
b) *Things Fall Apart* chronicles the life and culture of an African community's encounter with colonial rule.

4. Answer any **three** of the following questions:

$$5 \times 3 = 15$$

- a) Write a note on Krishna's experience as an English teacher at Albert Mission College.
b) The first part of R.K.Narayan's novel is replete with humour. Substantiate the above remark with reference to any one episode in *The English Teacher*.
c) What makes Okonkwo ashamed of his father?
d) Comment on Nwoye's act of defiance against the clan values his father cherishes.

5. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

$$2 \times 10 = 20$$

- i) Who is the soldier narrator in one of Defoe's works? Name the work.
ii) What was Swift's attitude to land of his birth? Where was he born?
iii) How many letters does *The Drapier's Letters* contain? Who is supposed to be the writer of the letters?

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