

U.G. 4th Semester Examination - 2025**ENGLISH****[MAJOR]****Course Code : ENG-MJ-T-4****[NEP-2020]****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: $10 \times 1 = 10$
 - 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: $5 \times 1 = 5$
 - 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: $10 \times 1 = 10$
 - 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.

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?

- 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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