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Second Semester

English

VICTORIAN AGE AND THE AGE OF HARDY

(For those who joined in July 2016 and afterwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer:

1. “Dover Beach” is a short lyric poem by _____.
(a) Matthew Arnold (b) Thomas Arnold
(c) Arthur Hugh clough (d) James Campbell
2. The Speaker of the poem “Rabbi Ben Ezra” begins by telling his audience to trust in _____.
(a) Father (b) God
(c) Teacher (d) Mother

3. The title “Unto This Last” is a quotation from the parable of workers in the _____.
(a) Church (b) house of God
(c) Vineyard (d) blacktown
4. “The Hero as prophet” is the _____ lecture of Carlyle in his series.
(a) sixth (b) fifth
(c) fourth (d) second
5. Lord Loam decides to take the family on a _____.
(a) yachting cruise (b) moped
(c) car (d) helicopter ride
6. Mr. Barthwick is a _____.
(a) Conservative member of parliament
(b) Liberal member of parliament
(c) Common member of parliament
(d) Senior member of parliament
7. Where does David first meet Traddles?
(a) At Miss Murdstone’s (b) At Blunder stone
(c) At Salem House (d) At Yarmouth

8. What does the kind teacher give Jane and Helen to eat?
- (a) Bundt cake (b) Strawberries
(c) Cookies (d) Seed cake
9. How does Silas know about Herbal medicine?
- (a) His mother taught him
(b) It was part of the training from his religious sect
(c) He has read up on the topic
(d) He doesn't, he only pretends to
10. To whom does Henchard sell his wife?
- (a) A Bangle seller (b) A sailor
(c) A farmer (d) A nobleman

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Give a short analysis of Tennyson's "The Lotus Eaters".
- Or
- (b) What do the three lilies symbolize in "The Blessed Damozel"?

12. (a) Consider Ruskin as a precursor of social economy with reference to “Unto this Last”.

Or

- (b) What is the central point of the lecture by Thomas Carlyle?

13. (a) Was Justice done to Jones? Explain.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of William (Bill) Crichton.

14. (a) How did David lose all his things and money?

Or

- (b) In Chapter 10 of Jane Eyre, Jane says she wants to serve in “a new place” because there’s “no use in wanting anything better”. Why does she say this?

15. (a) How did the people of Raveloe regard silas?

Or

- (b) Examine the tension between Tradition and Innovation in The Mayor of Casterbridge.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)
in about 600 words each.

16. (a) Discuss the main theme in “Dover Beach”.

Or

- (b) Bring out Robert Browning’s Optimism in
“Rabbi Ben Ezra”.

17. (a) How does John Ruskin deal with the idea of
Justice in his essay “Qui Judicetis Terram”?

Or

- (b) Elaborate the essential qualities of a Hero
with reference to Carlyle’s “The Hero as
prophet.”

18. (a) Explain the significance of the title of John
Galsworthy’s play The silver Box.

Or

- (b) Consider J.M. Barrie’s The Admirable
Crichton as a satirical comedy on the 20th
century British social mores.

19. (a) Discuss in detail the themes in David Copperfield.

Or

- (b) What does Jane's choice of reading material reveal about her state of mind and her situation in life?

20. (a) Comment on Godfrey's presumption in taking Eppie home with him.

Or

- (b) Write an essay on the use of symbols in The Mayor of Casterbridge.
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