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M. A. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2021 [2021 Admissions Regular] SEMESTER I - CORE COURSE (ENGLISH) EN1C04TM21 - 19TH CENTURY ENGLISH LITERATURES

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Weight: 30

Part A

I. Answer any Eight questions. Each question carries 1 weight

(8x1=8)

- 1. Analyse how Raymond Williams differentiates between the "public" and the "people" in "The Romantic Artist".
- 2. State how poets "partake of the activity of God" according to Blake.
- 3. Evaluate Shelley's portrayal of the human condition in his poem "To a Skylark".
- 4. Explain the context of Shelley's use of the expression "profuse strains of unpremeditated art".
- 5. Evaluate the tone of Tennyson's poem "The Lotus Eaters".
- 6. Analyse the opening stanza of Tennyson's poem "The Lotus Eaters".
- 7. Discuss the portrayal of Sir Thomas Bertram as a 'benevolent master'.
- 8. Discuss fate as a pervasive theme in *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*.
- 9. Explian the significance of the title The Importance of Being Earnest.
- 10. "I have more confidence in the dead than the living", writes William Hazlitt. Discuss.

Part B

II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 2 weight

(6x2=12)

- 11. Elucidate the idea of the "double poem" produced during the Victorian era as observed by Isobel Armstrong.
- 12. Evaluate how the transition from subscription publishing to general commercial publishing affect writers as observed by Raymond Williams.
- 13. Evaluate the central thought in Wordsworth's "Ode: Intimations of Immortality".
- 14. Analyse the setting of the poem "Ode on a Grecian Urn".
- 15. Analyse the setting of Arnold's poem "The Scholar Gypsy".
- 16. Examine how Jane Austen satirizes the institution of marriage in Mansfield Park.
- 17. Describe the characteristic features of George Eliot's Fiction.
- 18. Discuss Strachey's rejection of 'Standard Biographies'.

Part C

III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 5 weight

(2x5=10)

- 19. Elucidate the notions of Art, Beauty, and Truth as exemplified in "Ode on a Grecian Urn".
- 20. Analyse the significance of the choric song with reference to Tennyson's "The Lotus Eaters".
- 21. Discuss *Wuthering Heights* as an enigmatic masterpiece that darkens rather than solves the mystery of the author's spiritual existence.
- 22. Analyse William Hazlitt as an essayist of the Romantic Era with reference to the essay "On Reading Old Books".