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FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023

(CBCSS)

English

ENG 1C 02-BRITISH LITERATURE-19TH CENTURY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

- I Annotate any *four* of the following :
 - 1 Sophocles long ago

Heard it on the Ægean, and it brought Into his mind the turbid ebb and flow Of human misery.

- 2 Thou wast not born for death, immortal Bird !
 No hungry generations tread thee down ;
 The voice I hear this passing night was heard
 In ancient days by emperor and clown
- 3 Tyger Tyger burning bright,
 In the forests of the night :
 What immortal hand or eye,
 Dare frame thy fearful symmetry ?
- 4 And this green pastoral landscape, were to me More dear, both for themselves and for thy sake !
- 5 It makes me mad to see what men shall do
 And we in our graves ! This world's no blot for us,
 Nor blank ; it means intensely, and means good

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- 6 While with an eye made quiet by the powerOf harmony, and the deep power of joy,We see into the life of things
- 7 The true gods sigh for the cost and pain, —
 For the reed which grows nevermore again
 As a reed with the reeds in the river.

 $(4 \times 2 = 8 \text{ weightage})$

- II. Write short notes on any *four* of the following in 200 words :
 - 8 Critically examine the fragmentary nature of the poem "Kubla Khan".
 - 9 How does Oscar Wilde critique Victorian society in *The Importance of Being Earnest*?
 - 10 Critically evaluate the character of Edgar Linton.
 - 11 Critically assess the role of nature and fate in the novel Tess of D 'Urbervilles.
 - 12 Evaluate the Romantic elements in Keats' "Ode to a Nightingale".
 - 13 How does the loss of faith affect the poet and his thoughts in "Dover Beach?
 - 14 Write a note on Hazlitt's style.

 $(4 \times 3 = 12 \text{ weightage})$

III. Write essays on any two of the following in 300 words :

- 15 Discuss Dickens's attitude toward the French Revolution in his novel *A Tale of Two* Cities. Does he sympathize with the revolutionaries ?
- 16 Critically evaluate the Romantic traits in the poems prescribed for your study
- 17 Would you consider *The Importance of Being Earnest* as a comedy of manners ? Why ?
- 18 Critically examine Thomas Hardy's philosophy in the light of his observation : "Justice" was done, and the President of the Immortals (in Aeschylean phrase) had ended his sport with Tess."

 $(2 \times 5 = 10 \text{ weightage})$

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