

GURUDAS COLLEGE

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ENGG

B.A. Part II (Old Syllabus – 1+1+1)

Full Marks :: 50

Paper :: 2

Time :: 1 hr. 30 min.

[**Important Instruction:** Send the image of your handwritten answer sheet, in *PDF format*, at the following Email ID – gdcengg2020@gmail.com]

Question 1

Attempt any one of the following:

15x1=15

- (a) Analyse, with close reference to the novel *David Copperfield*, the characters of
i) Uriah Heep, ii) Aunt Betsey Trotwood, iii) Wilkins Micawber.
- (b) David's complex character allows for contradiction and development over the course of the novel. Illustrate this view.
- (c) Through the novel, David Copperfield tells the story of his life from birth to adulthood. Explain your understanding of the female characters in this novel.

Question 2

Attempt any one of the following:

15x1=15

- (a) Many critics of Hardy have argued that the astonishing coincidences throughout *The Mayor of Casterbridge* make the story of the novel improbable and unbelievable. Discuss.
- (b) Explain and discuss the role of the peasants of Casterbridge.
- (c) Analyse, with close reference to the novel, the character of Michael Henchard.

Question 3

Attempt any one of the following:

10x1=10

- (a) Joyce evokes, in *Araby*, “an image of the Irish soul as cold and the street as uninhabited and detached, with the houses personified and more alive than its residents.” Explore the symbolism that bring out the theme of the short story.
- (b) Explain the character of Mrs. Thurlow in H.E.Bates's *The Ox*.
- (c) Explain the title of the short story *The Fly*.

Question 4

Attempt any *one* of the following:

10x1=10

(a) Trace the autobiographical elements that can be found in Lamb's essay *The Superannuated Man*.

(b) In *Shooting an Elephant*, Orwell advances an argument that imperialism exerts a coercive effect not just on its victims within the colonized world but also on the colonizers themselves. Explain.
