10. Write a brief note on either of the following: 4

a. ‘John Ruskin's criticism of sentimentality and emotional falsity.

b. ‘George Eliot's critique on lady novelists as expressed in “Silly Novels by Lady Novelists”.

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# PG Even Semester Exam, May 2025

## English

2nd Semester

COURSE NO. ENGCC - 205

**[ ENGLISH LITERATURE: THE VICTORIAN PERIOD ]**

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

*Answer all the questions*

## UNIT-I

1. a. Critically comment on Browning’s use of the form of dramatic monologue with reference to the poems prescribed for your study. 10

Or

b. “Though he composed poetry in the Victorian period in England, Matthew Arnold’s poetry is said to bear Romantic legacy.” Critically examine the validity of the statement on the basis of your reading of Arnold's poems prescribed for you.

2. Write a brief note on either of the following: 4
   a. 'Use of myth in 'Tithonus'.
   b. Significance of sea in 'Dover Beach'.

## UNIT-II

3. a. Discuss *Hard Times* as a novel of social protest. 10

Or

   b. Give a general estimate of Hardy's portrayal of female characters with reference to *Tess of the d'Urbervilles.*

4. Write a brief note on either of the following: 4
   a. Significance of the title, *Hard Times*
   b. Significance of the death of the family horse (Prince) in *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*.

## UNIT-III

5. a. In the novel *Jane Eyre*, how does the changing physical setting correspond to the different stages of Jane's growth and maturity? Discuss with reference to the text. 10

Or

   b. "Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights* is the portrayal of passion, vehemence, and grief." Substantiate the statement on the basis of your reading of the text.

6. Write a brief note on either of the following: 4
   a. The role played by the governess in *Jane Eyre.*
   b. 'The role played by Nelly Dean in *Wuthering Heights*.

## UNIT-IV

7. a. Discuss the theme of marriage as reflected in Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest.* 10

Or

   b. Analyse the relationship between mother and daughter in Shaw's *Mrs. Warren's Profession.*

8. Write a brief note on either of the following: 4
   a. Significance of the title, *The Importance of Being Earnest.*
   b. Role played by Frank in *Mrs. Warren's Profession.*

## UNIT-V

9. a. Do you agree to the view that John Stuart Mill explains the benefits of female emancipation from a utilitarian standpoint in *The Subjection of Women*? Respond Critically. 10

Or

   b. Comment on Henry Newman's views on education and pursuit of knowledge with reference to his essay, "Knowledge its Own End".