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ENGLISH

Paper : ENG0400304

( **British Fiction : Augustan to Victorian** )

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ hours

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

1. Answer the following questions : 1×8=8

- (a) Whom does Catherine Earnshaw marry in *Wuthering Heights*?
- (b) What is the designation or profession of Mr. Elton in *Emma*?
- (c) Where was Moll Flanders born?
- (d) Whom does Louisa Gradgrind marry in *Hard Times*?
- (e) Who becomes the owner of Thrushcross Grange after the deaths of Edgar Linton and Linton Heathcliff?
- (f) What is the name of the drunken wife of Stephen Blackpool in *Hard Times*?
- (g) Who chases away the Gypsies and escorts Harriet to Hartfield?

- (h) In which country do you find Moll Flanders when she is old (almost seventy years of age)?

2. Answer any six of the following questions :

2×6=12

- (a) What does Mr. Gradgrind do with Sissy Jupe after he finds that her father has left her?
- (b) Why does Emma discourage Harriet from marrying Robert Martin?
- (c) What happens when young Heathcliff and Catherine look into the mansion Thrushcross Grange by standing on the basement and clinging to the ledge?
- (d) What happens to Isabella after her marriage to Heathcliff?
- (e) Why does Sissy Jupe feel that she is a failure as a student in Mr. Gradgrind's system?
- (f) What does Defoe say about things not revealed or left out in the Preface to *Moll Flanders*?
- (g) How does the Midwife treat Moll Flanders after helping her with the pregnancy?
- (h) Why does Heathcliff leave Wuthering Heights for a long period after listening to Catherine speak to Nelly?

- (i) What happens during the Box Hill incident? In what light is Emma seen during this particular episode in the novel?
- (j) What is Robert Stockdale's reaction or feelings when he first comes to know that Lizzy Newberry, his young landlady, is engaged in the smuggling trade?

3. Answer any *four* of the following questions :

5×4=20

- (a) Write a critical note on the circumstances that lead to the marriage between Linton Heathcliff and Cathy in *Wuthering Heights*.
- (b) Comment on the ending of *The Distracted Preacher* by Thomas Hardy.
- (c) Write a brief critical essay on the relationship between Stephen Blackpool and Rachael in *Hard Times*.
- (d) Write an analytical note on the character of Jane Fairfax in *Emma*.
- (e) How does Hindley Earnshaw behave after the death of his father and he becomes the owner of *Wuthering Heights*?
- (f) Comment on the following quote :  
"The real evils, indeed, of Emma's situation were the power of having rather too much her own way, and a disposition to think a little too well of herself."

- (g) Write about the role played by James Harthouse in the life of Louisa Gradgrind.
- (h) Write a critical note on the relationship between Moll Flanders and the Banker.

4. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

- (a) Do you agree that *Moll Flanders* is a criticism of the society in which Moll lives rather than of the heroine Moll herself? Give reasons for your answer.
- (b) Show how the relationships between the female characters is at least as important as the man-woman relationships depicted in *Emma*.
- (c) Discuss how Emily Brontë blends the theme of revenge with that of the celebration of love and passion.
- (d) Show how Dickens establishes a parallel between the wrong attitudes prevalent in contemporary education with the wrong attitudes characterizing industrial relations in *Hard Times*.
- (e) Discuss *The Distracted Preacher* as an unusual romance.

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