

2021

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 45

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Answer **all** questions.*

1. Choose the correct answer from the options given below : 2×10 = 20

(a) 'A Tale of a Tub' is a :

- (i) Religious Satire
- (ii) Religious Treatise
- (iii) Religious Allegory
- (iv) Children's Book

(b) Who is 'Little Benjamin' in 'Tom Jones' ?

- (i) Fitzpatrick
- (ii) Patridge
- (iii) Northerton
- (iv) The Lieutenant

- (c) What is Jane Fairfax's connection to Miss Bates in 'Emma' ?
- (i) Sister (ii) Friend
(iii) Mother-in-law (iv) Niece
- (d) To which animal does Dickens compare Sydney Carton ?
- (i) A jackal (ii) A lion
(iii) A weasel (iv) A sloth
- (e) To whom does Henchard sell his wife in 'The Mayor of Casterbridge' ?
- (i) A furmity-seller (ii) A sailor
(iii) A doctor (iv) A nobleman
- (f) What symbol does Dickens use to portend the bloodshed of the French Revolution ?
- (i) The Dover Mail Coach
(ii) The Broken Wine Cask
(iii) Tellson's Bank
(iv) Madame Defarge's malvolent stare
- (g) From whom does Allworthy receive a letter that clears Tom from blame ?
- (i) Square (ii) Thwackun
(iii) Mrs. Waters (iv) Blifit

- (h) Why does Frank flirt with Emma ?
- (i) He wants to marry her
 - (ii) He wants to conceal his preference for another
 - (iii) He wants to conceal that he is gay
 - (iv) He's bored
- (i) 'The Tale of a Tub' belongs to which genre ?
- (i) Comedy
 - (ii) Tragi-comedy
 - (iii) Tragedy
 - (iv) Romance
- (j) Where did Lucette live before moving to Casterbridge ?
- (i) London
 - (ii) Paris
 - (iii) Jersey
 - (iv) Weydon-Priors

2. Explain with reference to context any **two** of the following : 10×2 = 20

- (a) Books, like men their authors, have no more than one way of coming into the world, but there are ten thousand to go out of it, and return no more.
- (b) It is much easier to make good men wise, than to make bad men good.

- (c) It was foolish, it was wrong, to take so active a part in bringing any two people together.
- (d) I wish you to know that you have been the last dream of my soul.

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

20×3 = 60

- (a) 'A Tale of a Tub' by Swift is arguably his most difficult satire and perhaps his best. Comment.
- (b) 'Tom Jones' is Fielding's imperfect and mortal hero who gives voice to his philosophy of virtue. Discuss.
- (c) Emma's stubbornness and vanity produce many of the novel's conflicts, as Emma struggles to develop emotionally. Discuss.
- (d) Critically comment on 'A Tale of Two Cities' as a historical novel.
- (e) Discuss 'Tom Jones' by Fielding as a social satire.
- (f) Whatever the pain, Henchard bears it and this elevates him to the level of a hero. Comment.

