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(5th Semester)

ENGLISH

(Honours)

Paper No. : ENG (H)-502

(Fiction and Applied Language Skills)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Comment on the importance of symbolism as an important aspect of the novel. 10
2. (a) Discuss the social purpose behind the novel, *Hard Times*. 10

Or

- (b) Write a note on the character of Mr. Gradgrind.

3. (a) Discuss the theme of the novel, *Jude the Obscure*. 10

Or

- (b) Comment on Hardy's statement that *Jude the Obscure* points to the "tragedy of unfulfilled aims".

4. (a) *Mrs Dalloway* is a search, at one level, for meaning and coherence amidst futility, chaos and despair. Discuss. 10

Or

- (b) Discuss the character of Mrs Clarissa Dalloway.

5. Answer briefly the following questions : $4 \times 4 = 16$

- (a) Mention the importance of plot in the novel.

- (b) To what extent is *Hard Times* a novel on the industrial revolution?

- (c) Discuss briefly the relationship between Jude and Arabella.

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(d) Discuss the role of Peter Walsh in *Mrs Dalloway*.

6. Write a comprehensive book review of the latest novel that you have read. 14
