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Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

Answer **all** questions

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

1. Answer all questions : 4×14

- (a) Industrialisation led to major socio-political developments affecting English literature of Victorian Times. Discuss.

Or

Discuss the influence of scientific thought on Victorian Literature.

- (b) "Break, Break, Break" of Tennyson is a representative Victorian poem." Discuss with illustrations.

Or

- ✓ Write a note on Matthew Arnold's view of poetry.

- (c) Critically examine the major themes of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

Or

Write a character sketch of Elizabeth Bennet.

- (d) Charles Dickens is a representative Victorian Novelist. Discuss with reference to his novel *Hard Times*.

Or

How does Dickens characterise Gradgrind?

2. Answer any four of the following questions : 4×6

- (a) Write a note on Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species*.
- (b) What do you understand by 'Victorian Compromise' ?
- (c) How *My Last Duchess* is a poem of jealousy?
- (d) Why is poetry so valuable for Matthew Arnold?
- (e) What happens at the end of the novel *Pride and Prejudice* ?

(3)

- (f) Write a short note on George Wickham.
- (g) Who is Louisa in *Hard Times*? What happens to her?
- (h) How do you justify the title of the novel *Hard Times*?

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