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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

SIXTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2019

16UEL6MC01– BRITISH FICTION

Date: 01-04-2019
Time: 09:00-12:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

SECTION A

Answer any FOUR of the following in about 200 words each: (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

1. Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* originally had the title 'First Impressions'. What role does first impressions play in novel?
2. Discuss the theme of true love with reference to the novel *Pride and Prejudice*.
3. How does Dickens use contrasting pairs of characters to illustrate good and evil in the novel *David Copperfield*?
4. Does Dickens equate high social class with low moral character and vice versa? Does he equate low social class with unhappiness? Explain with examples from the prescribed text.
5. Astonishing coincidences throughout the novel *The Mayor of Casterbridge* makes the story improbable and unbelievable. Do you agree? – Justify your stance.
6. Compare and contrast Ralph and Simon in the novel *The Lord of the Flies*.

SECTION B

Answer any TWO of the following in about 400 words each: (2 x 20 = 40 Marks)

7. The works of Jane Austen have been the inspiration of numerous contemporary books and films, both adaptations and new original works. Elucidate the universal themes that it resonate in the novel *Pride and Prejudice*.
8. Write on Charles Dickens' portrayal of the Victorian Age in the novel *David Copperfield*.
9. Comment on Hardy's tragic vision of life as depicted in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
10. Consider *The Lord of the Flies* is an allegorical novel.

SECTION C

Answer any ONE of the following in about 400 words each: (1 x 20 = 20 Marks)

11. How does Sir Walter Scott emphasize the cultural differences between the invading Normans and the native Saxons through the novel *Ivanhoe*?
12. Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers* is an autobiographical novel- Justify.
13. Discuss George Orwell's *1984* as a dystopian novel.
14. Iris Murdoch presents a realistic observation of 20th-century life among middle-class professionals- Elucidate with reference to the prescribed novel.
