

**TDP (General) 1st Semester Exam., 2021
(Held in 2022)**

ENGLISH
(General)

FIRST PAPER

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

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

SECTION—A

Answer the following short answer-type questions :

2×20=40

1. What are the qualities of the Lamb that attract the child speaker in Blake's poem, *The Lamb*?
2. Why does the child in Blake's poem tell the Lamb—
"I a child, and thou a Lamb,
We are called by his name."?

3. What was Wordsworth's attitude to Nature in his boyhood and youth as revealed in the poem, *Tintern Abbey*?
4. What does the poet Wordsworth mean by 'blessed mood'? What happens as a result of this mood?
5. "I fall upon the thorns of life ! I bleed !" Explain clearly what the poet means by 'thorns of life'.
6. What is poet Shelley's prayer to the West Wind?
7. Explain clearly what Shelley means by the expression—'trumpet of prophecy'.
8. What associations come to Keats' mind when he thinks of wine in his poem, *Ode to a Nightingale*?

9. "Full of the true, the blushful Hippocrene."
What is Hippocrene? In what way is wine associated with Hippocrene?
10. Keats addresses Nightingale as an 'immortal bird'. How would you justify the poet's address?
11. What is 'reverie'? Why does Lamb call his essay, *Dream Children* a 'reverie'?
12. Who was Mrs. Field? What picture of her character does Lamb present in his essay?
13. How does Lamb record Alice's reactions to his storytelling?
14. Who was John L? Trace the feelings of the writer after the death of John L.

15. Describe the story of Arundel Castle in Lamb's essay, *In Praise of Chimney Sweepers*.
16. Which play of Shakespeare is mentioned in Lamb's essay, *In Praise of Chimney Sweepers* and in what context?
17. Give your acquaintance with Netherfield Park in the novel, *Pride and Prejudice*.
18. Name the five daughters of the Bennet couple. To whom do the couple want Mr. Bingley to get married?
19. State clearly why Mr. Darcy asks Elizabeth to dance with him in the Ball arranged by Mr. Bingley.
20. Name at least two features on the basis of which Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* can be called a domestic novel.

SECTION—B

Answer four questions, selecting one from each Unit

UNIT—I

1. Assess Blake's *The Lamb* as a Romantic poem. 10
2. What is meant by the 'still sad music of humanity'? Comment on Wordsworth's treatment of Nature in the poem, *Tintern Abbey*. 2+8=10
3. What does the poet mean by 'aching joys' and 'dizzy raptures'? Summarize the four stages of development in the Nature philosophy of Wordsworth as manifested in the poem, *Tintern Abbey*. 4+6=10

UNIT—II

4. Critically analyze the thought in Coleridge's poem, *Dejection : An Ode*. 10
5. What is an ode? Consider Shelley's *Ode to the West Wind* as an ode. 2+8=10

6. What picture of reality does Keats present in his poem, *Ode to a Nightingale*? What is 'Lethe'? What picture of the Romantic world of the bird does the poet present in the poem? What is the poet's reaction when he is brought back to his conscious self? 2+1+3+4=10

UNIT—III

7. Assess Lamb's *Dream Children : A Reverie* as a Romantic essay. 10
8. Write a note on the elements of humour and pathos in Lamb's essay, *Dream Children : A Reverie*. 10
9. Do you think *In Praise of Chimney Sweepers* as a characteristic essay of Charles Lamb? Give reasons for your answer. 10

UNIT—IV

10. Write short notes on the themes of money and marriage in Jane Austen's novel, *Pride and Prejudice*. 5+5=10

11. Estimate Jane Austen as a novelist with reference to her work, *Pride and Prejudice*. 10
12. Comment on Austen's art of characterization in *Pride and Prejudice* with reference to Mr. Bennet and Mrs. Bennet. 10
