

FOURTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL/MAY 2005

Branch—Communicative English

(Vocational Course)

English Language and Literature (Main)

Paper VIII—HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

(Prior. to 1999 admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

I. Answer any *one* of the following in about 600 words :—

- (a) What are the essential elements of the Romantic spirit ? How far it was influenced by French Revolution ?
- (b) Enumerate the characteristics of the Victorian Age.
- (c) Mention the main characteristics in the poetry of Wordsworth.

(1 × 20 = 20 marks)

II. Answer any *one* of the following in about 600 words :—

- (a) Describe the early Victorian poets with reference to their poems.
- (b) Briefly describe the non-fictional prose in the Victorian era.
- (c) Describe the main trends in post-war British Fiction.

(1 × 20 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following in about 300 words each :—

- (a) The concept of war poetry.
- (b) T.S. Eliots poetry.
- (c) The causes of the French Revolution and its influence on English Literature.
- (d) Victorian Fiction.
- (e) The poets of Transition.
- (f) Contributions of Charles Dickens.
- (g) Aims and achievements of Pre-Raphaelite movement.
- (h) Contrast Browning and Tennyson.

(4 × 10 = 40 marks)

IV. Write a paragraph of about 100 words each on any *four* of the following :—

- (a) Lyrical poems.
- (b) The Oxford movement.
- (c) The second generation of Romantic poets.
- (d) The "Stream of consciousness" technique.
- (e) The dramatic monologue.
- (f) Arnold as critic.
- (g) The note of prophetic passion in Shelley.
- (h) Aspects of W.B. Yeats's poetry.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)