

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2015

Semester – VI

English

Paper : XVI (Optional)

(Special Author: Charles Dickens)

(For Back Candidates only)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer question no. 1 and **any three** from the following.

1. (a) Discuss the autobiographical elements in the novels of Charles Dickens.

or
(b) In his novels, Dickens primarily wanted to critique oppression of the poor, the orphans, destitutes and women. Do you agree? Discuss critically.
 2. What role does crime play in *Oliver Twist*?
 3. Justify Dickens's use of the title *Hard Times*.
 4. Would you prefer to read *A Tale of Two Cities* for its historical content only or as a novel of love and sacrifice? Discuss.
 5. Discuss the significance of the Pip-Magwitch relationship in *Great Expectations*.
 6. How well did Charles Dickens manage to portray women characters in his novels? Discuss with reference to at least two novels in your syllabus.
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