B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2018
Semester-VI
English
Course H 16 (Optional Paper)
Special Author: Thomas Hardy

(For Regular and Back Candidates)

Time: Three Hours **Full Marks: 40**

Questions are of equal value

Question No 1 is compulsory; choose ***any three*** from the rest

1. a) Why do you think Hardy is considered to be one of the most controversial novelists of the Victorian period? Discuss critically.

or

b) "Hardy is a Victorian novelist but a Modern poet". Do you agree? Discuss.

2. a) Critically comment on the role played by Gabriel Oak in *Far from the Madding Crowd.*

or

b) *Far from the Madding Crowd* is a Victorian novel about the problems faced by the rural population in the southern part of England. Do you agree? Justify your viewpoint.

3. a) Why do you think Hardy insisted on calling Tess a 'pure' woman? Discuss.

or

b) Compare and contrast the roles played by Alec and Angel in *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*.

4. a) Comment on the presentation of the element of love in Hardy's poetry.

or

b) Does the Victorian or the modern tenor predominate in Hardy's poetry? Discuss.

5. Do you think Hardy has written essays with any particular agenda in mind? Discuss.

6. Discuss either the short stories or the novels of Hardy in your syllabus as critique of rural society.

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