

Government General Degree College, Chapra

B.A. 4th Semester Internal Examination 2023

English (Honours)

British Literature: 19th Century (ENGH-H-CC-T-10)

Time: 40 Min

Full Marks: 15

Answer *any three* of the following questions:

5x3=15

1. Dickens said that *Hard Times* was 'a satire against those who see figures and averages and nothing else.' Discuss Dickens's satirical methods and effects in the light of this comment.
2. *Hard Times* shows women as powerless and trapped within a patriarchal society. How far do you agree with this statement? Discuss at least two female characters.
3. Why are three main sections of the novel *Hard Times* by Dickens entitled Sowing, Reaping, and Garnering?
4. Consider Browning's "My last Duchess" as a dramatic monologue.
5. "This grew; I gave commands;
Then all smiles stopped together."—Explain with reference to the context.