

(FOR THE CANDIDATES ADMITTED

25PEL102

DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 ONLY)

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N.G.M.COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS): POLLACHI

END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS: NOVEMBER 2025

MA ENGLISH LITERATURE(SF)

MAXIMUM MARKS: 75

SEMESTER: I

TIME: 3 HOURS

25PEL102 - BRITISH LITERATURE FROM ROMANTIC AGE TO THE VICTORIAN AGE

SECTION – A

(10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. What does the poem “Ozymandias” focus on?
 - a) The beauty of the Egyptian desert
 - b) The impressive power of Ozymandias
 - c) The decay and ruin of a once-great civilization
 - d) The life of the sculptor who created the statue
2. What is Andrea del Sarto's primary complaint about his own work?
 - a) He lacks the technical skill to paint well
 - b) He is not appreciated by his contemporaries
 - c) He is too focused on pleasing his patrons
 - d) His work lacks emotional depth and spiritual power compared to other masters
3. What is Hazlitt's overall attitude towards actors in his essay?
 - a) Sympathetic
 - b) Critical
 - c) Indifferent
 - d) Disgusted
4. Reggie Burke was the man who worked the big fraud on the _____ Bank.
 - a) Barclays
 - b) Sind and Sialkote
 - c) Lloyds
 - d) NatWest
5. Where does Jane work as a governess?
 - a) Gateshead
 - b) Lowood
 - c) Thornfield
 - d) Ferndean

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES

6. Define the term “Sylvan historian”?
7. Explain the future plan of the Duke?
8. How does Lamb describe the young chimney sweepers?
9. How does Gilchrist gain access to the exam papers?
10. Explain the main cause of conflict between Mr. Tulliver and Mr. Wakem?

SECTION – B

(5 X 5 = 25 MARKS)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

11. a) How does Coleridge use the geographical setting for “Kubla Khan”?

(Or)

- b) How does Wordsworth use the natural world to express human emotion in "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"?

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12. a) Analyze the curse on the Lady and its impact on her life and choices in “The Lady of

Shalott ”. (OR)

b) Contrast the characters of the Duke and Duchess in “My Last Duchess”.

13. a) How does Lamb's portray the condition chimney sweepers in the industrial England?

(OR)

b) Assess Hazlitt’s “On Actor’s and Acting”.

14. a) Give a critical appreciation of Rudyard Kipling’s story “A Bank Fraud”.

(OR)

b) How does "Good-Bye to All Cats" reflect Wodehouse's typical depiction of love, courtship, and social situations?

15. a) Discuss the depiction of rural life and the lives of various social classes in “The Mill on the Floss”.

(OR)

b) How does Jane Eyre's character evolve throughout the novel, and what are the key experiences that shape her identity?

SECTION – C

(5 X 8 = 40 MARKS)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

16.. a) Analyze “The Ancient Mariner “as a tale of crime and punishment.

(OR)

b) Summarize the significance of the identification of beauty and truth in “Ode on a Grecian Urn”.

17..a) Describe Tennyson’s views on social outlook and attitude towards human life in “Tithonus’.

(OR)

b) How does Browning use the relationship between Andrea and Lucrezia to explore the themes of love, obsession, and the corrupting influence of materialism?

18. a) How does Charles Lamb express his bitter experiences with the married people in “A Bachelor’s Complaint”?

(OR)

b) What does Hazlitt mean when he says that genius must have "common sense" to be effective? – Discuss.

19. a) Examine the ways in which "The Declaration" reflects broader social and political issues of Austen's time.

(OR)

b) In what extent Conan Doyle’s “The Adventure of the Three Students." explore the importance of honesty and the consequences of dishonesty within an academic setting?

20. a) Explore the character of Maggie Tulliver. Is she a tragic figure, a victim of circumstance, or a product of her own choices? – Discuss.

(OR)

b) How does Charlotte Brontë incorporate elements of the Gothic tradition into the novel “Jane Eyre”?

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