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HXE 210 - 19th and 20th Century Novels

Duration : 3 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of **THREE** pages of printed material before you begin the examination

Instructions: Answer **FOUR** questions choosing **TWO** from each section. All questions carry the same marks.

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SECTION A

1. EITHER

[a] Is Oliver Twist's journey in the novel an attempt to search for his identity or his inheritance?
[100 marks]

OR

[b] To what extent is the novel *Oliver Twist* a realistic representation of life in the Victorian era?
[100 marks]

2. EITHER

[a] How does Charlotte Bronte explore the notion of gender equality in her depiction of the relationship between Rochester and Jane Eyre?
[100 marks]

OR

[b] To what extent does the heroine Jane Eyre fulfil the role of educator and social reformer?
[100 marks]

3. EITHER

[a] How does religion affect the lives of characters in *Silas Marner*?
[100 marks]

OR

[b] Discuss the theme of 'trust and betrayal' in relation to different types of relationships in *Silas Marner*.
[100 marks]

SECTION B

4. Chinua Achebe reveals his perspective toward the disintegration of an African culture as a result of European intervention. With reference to *Things Fall Apart*, discuss how Achebe depicts the contradictions and dynamics of Okonkwo's society by examining the conflict between the clan and the Christian community.
[100 marks]

5. Analyze Margaret Atwood's portrayal of women and discuss their relationship with one another in *The Handmaid's Tale*.
[100 marks]
6. William Golding portrays the reality of human nature by focusing on the brutality of man in *Lord of the Flies*. Discuss.
[100 marks]