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HXE 206 - 19th and 20th Century Novels

Masa: [3 jam]

THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS SIX [6] QUESTIONS IN THREE [3] PAGES.

Answer TWO [2] questions from this section

SECTION A

EITHER

1. (a) How is Jane's struggle for equality and independence portrayed in Jane Eyre?  
(100 marks)

OR

- (b) Self-control is evident in the development of Jane's character. Discuss with close reference to Jane Eyre.  
(100 marks)
2. In your opinion, is Oliver Twist an effective novel of social reform?  
(100 marks)

**EITHER**

3. (a) Marlow's search for Kurtz also becomes his search for truth. How is this reflected in Conrad's Heart of Darkness?

(100 marks)

**OR**

- (b) In Conrad's Heart of Darkness, there is a struggle between humanity and the system. Discuss this with reference to the text.

(100 marks)

**SECTION B**

Answer **TWO** [2] questions from this section

- 4 (a) The tragedy of the Morel family is a result of a marriage that lacks any common bond. Discuss

(100 marks)

**OR**

- (b) Paul's trauma is as much a result of his hatred for his father as it is of his mother's manipulative and selfish ways. Discuss

(100 marks)

5. (a) From your reading of Lord of the Flies do you think man when freed from the laws/conventions of society, religion and family, is more prone to do evil than to do good?

(100 marks)

**OR**

- (b) The characters in Lord of the Flies are not merely to be seen as a group of disorderly boys but rather as representing particular human characteristics in the larger world. Discuss

(100 marks)

6. (a) The character of Biswas does not represent the sort of father figure that is seen as necessary for the healthy development of a family. Discuss

(100 marks)

**OR**

- (b) Discuss the significance of the “house” as a symbol in Naipauls’ “A House for Mr. Biswas”

(100 marks)