

Bachelor of Arts Examination 2019
English (Honours)
First Year First Semester
The Long Nineteenth Century

Full Marks: 30

Time: Two hours

Answer *any two* questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. 'They wish to lead others when they should be led.' Who are 'they'? What examples does Blake give in the *Songs* to convince us that these would-be leaders of society should not be allowed to lead?
2. 'As punishment for killing the albatross, the Mariner is in fact condemned to continue the albatross's work in her place.' Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with evidence from the text.
3. 'In the second decade of the twenty-first century, Shelley's advice to the victims of Peterloo remains as relevant as ever.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
4. 'For Edmund Burke, the French Revolution breaks the world order, but for Thomas Paine, it creates it.' Discuss.
5. Mary Wollstonecraft believed that no discourse of rights could be complete unless it included women. Discuss the implications of her intervention for the modern world.
6. Examine 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' as a critique of nineteenth century bourgeois capitalism.
7. Did Swinburne's attempt to resist the trivialising of the feminine in the nineteenth century succeed in 'Mater Triumphalis'? Justify your answer.
8. 'Man of science or colonising conqueror: who is Ulysses?' Discuss with reference to Tennyson's poem.