

**JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY**  
BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2023  
First Year First Semester  
ENGLISH (HONOURS)  
**THE LONG NINETEENTH CENTURY**

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 30

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

1. Do you think it is possible to find a safe path to travel from innocence to experience?  
Answer with reference to Blake's *Songs*.
2. 'He prayeth best, who loveth best.' How do you think the Ancient Mariner teaches the Wedding Guest to love better? Give reasons for your answer.
3. Discuss the Englishness of the Lucy poems.
4. If we could really hold the 'Great Assembly' described at the end of the *Masque of Anarchy*, what do you think would be discussed there? Explain your answer.
5. 'Art cannot feel yet it is full of feeling'. Comment on this paradox with respect to the 'Ode on a Grecian Urn'.
6. With reference to any two prose writers of the day, describe one big issue that polarised the views of intellectuals of the time.
7. 'With the "Sonnets from the Portuguese", for the first time we have the story of a great romance told from the woman's point of view.' Discuss.
8. Robert Browning in 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' makes his protagonist a moral guardian against the greed and corruption of capitalist society. How relevant do you think this message is for the nineteenth century? Give reasons.
9. 'The message of the "Lotos Eaters" is the same as that of the *Masque of Anarchy*, only couched in more personal terms, and without the direct challenge to authority.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.