

KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR THE POSTS OF PROVINCIAL
MANAGEMENT SERVICES (BPS-17) 2013

ENGLISH LITERATURE, PAPER I

TIME ALLOWED: 03 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

Note: Please attempt any FIVE questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Wordsworth's *Lyrical Ballads*, was thought to be the canon that helped launch the Romantic Age. Do you agree?
 2. Keats' Odes showcase almost all the features of romantic poetry. Discuss.
 3. Dickens "lives and thinks in complete accord with the middle-class opinions of his day". Comment on this statement with reference to Dickens' novels.
 4. The work of Robert Browning fully exemplifies one of the dominant tendencies of Victorian poetry. Comment.
 5. "Everywhere in Hardy's novels human beings appear to us crushed by a superior force; that of nature, at first, and of an indifferent, so most often a hostile chance; then, that of the errors implied in our own desires". Comment.
 6. The construction of George Eliot's novels, the substance of her analyses, and much of her imagery, recall the scientific schooling of her thought. Discuss.
 7. Why is Ruskin's work considered more robust and more broadly significant than that of his contemporaries, the Pre-Raphaelites?
 8. Why do Oscar Wilde's plays stand out through their exceptional merit against the almost unrelieved mediocrity of theatrical production for a whole century?
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