English Literature

Test

“’’The Sentimentalists and The Romantic Movement”.

1. Why did the literary trend of Sentimentalism appear towards the middle of the 18th century?
2. What did the sentimentalists show in their novels and why?
3. Name the leading sentimentalists and explain how they tried to stir the heart of the reader.
4. Why is Burns considered to be the most democratic poet of his age?
5. Say a few words about the role of folklore in Bums’ poetry?
6. What are the main themes of his lyrics?
7. What features of Burns’ poetry bring him close to the romantic trend of the 19th century?
8. To what historical events is the Romantic Movement due?
9. Define Romanticism as a humanist movement.
10. What forms of literature were demanded by the new themes for literature which arose out of Romanticism?
11. What trends did Romanticism develop in poetry? Characterize each trend.
12. Who were the Lake Poets? What kind of poetry did they write at the beginning
of the French Revolution and during the second period of their creative work?
13. What makes Byron a poet of “world sorrow”?
14. Name the works of the poet in which he glorifies the valour of the romantic individual. Why was this type of character popular among Byron’s contemporaries?
15. Speak on the attitude of the poet towards nature.
16. What progressive ideas of the age can be traced in “Childe Harold’s Pilgrimage”?
17. What are the characteristic features of Shelley as a poet?
18. What social ideas does Shelley develop in his early and his later works?
19. Tell the stories upon which the following works are based: “The Cenci”, “Prometheus Unbound”.
20. Give a short account of the ideas expressed in the “Song to the Men of England”.
21. What is the secret of the musical charm in Shelley’s lyrical pieces?