

ENGLISH (GENERAL)-SEMESTER 2

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SOME GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS' STUDY DURING THE CRISIS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC :

THOMAS HARDY'S *THE MAYOR OF CASTERBRIDGE* (SEMESTER - 2)

Thomas Hardy was a novelist and a poet. He was born in 1840 in Higher Bockhampton, Dorset. He died in 1928. Some of his important novels are *A Pair of Blue Eyes*, *Far from the Madding Crowd*, *The Return of the Native*, *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, *The Woodlanders*, *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*, *Jude the Obscure*.

***THE MAYOR OF CASTERBRIDGE* (SOME TOPICS FOR STUDY) :**

Plot and Structure

THE MAYOR OF CASTERBRIDGE as a tragedy (Is *THE MAYOR OF CASTERBRIDGE* a tragedy of character or a tragedy of fate and destiny ? ; the role of chance and coincidence in the Novel; Hardy's concept of tragedy)

The character of Michael Henchard

Hardy's art of characterisation in the Novel and Character Sketches (major and minor characters, rustic characters, women characters)

Relationships in the Novel

The title of the Novel

The Sub-title of the Novel

Hardy's style of writing in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*

Michael Henchard's auction of Susan

Michael Henchard's Will

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