



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.A. Honours/Programme 2nd Semester Examination, 2019

**ENHGEC02T/ENGGCOR02T-ENGLISH (GE2/DSC2)**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

1. Answer any **three** of the following questions within 400 words each: 15×3 = 45
- Would you consider “Karukku” to be a significant Dalit autobiography? Give reasons for your answer.
  - Critically analyse F.M. Shinde’s poem “Habit” as a critique of the passivity of Dalits.
  - How does Padma Sachdev establish her identity and by implication the identity of many others writing in regional languages in “Mother Tongue”?
  - What does Raja Rao say about language and style in the context of Indian English literature? Answer with reference to the author’s Preface to *Kanthapura*.
  - Which elements of Dalit poetry do you find in Rajkumar’s “Dancing Kobra Eyes”?
2. Attempt any **one** of the following within 200 words: 5×1 = 5
- Write a short note on the narrator of Raja Rao’s *Kanthapura*.
  - Describe the experience of Bama in the High School with reference to *Karukku*.
  - “As the vengeful furies  
I will terrorize you and follow you.”  
–Annotate and explain.

4. Answer any **one** of the following in not more than 500 words: 10×1 = 10
- (a) Critically comment on the gulling of Malvolio in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.
  - (b) Discuss *Twelfth Night* as a Romantic Comedy.
  - (c) Comment on the appropriateness of the title of Ben Jonson's play *The Alchemist*.
  - (d) How does Jonson satirize human gullibility in *The Alchemist*?
5. Locate and annotate any **one** of the following within 200 words: 5×1 = 5
- (a) "Fair is foul and foul is fair"
  - (b) "And Jove himself will stretch his hand from heaven  
To ward the blow, and shield me safe from harm"
  - (c) "That instant was I turn'd into a hart  
And my desires, like fell and cruel hounds  
E'er since pursue me."
  - (d) "Now, Epicure;  
Heighten thyself! Talk to her, all in gold;  
Rain her as many showers, as Jove did the drop  
Unto his Danae."