WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours/Programme 3rd Semester Examination, 2020, held in 2021

ENGHGEC03T/ENGGCOR03T-ENGLISH (GE3/DSC3)

NOVELS AND PLAYS

Time Allotted: 2 Hours   Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words as for as practicable.

SECTION-I

1.   Answer any ***one*** question from the following in about 500 words.   15×1 = 15

   (a) How does Dickens present the criminal justice system in *Oliver Twist*? Answer with close references to the text.

   (b) Bring out the character of Nancy in *Oliver Twist*.

2.   Answer any ***two*** of the following short questions, each within 200 words.   5×2 = 10

   (a) What is the significance of Noah's family history in *Oliver Twist*?

   (b) Describe any one act of kindness Oliver experiences before he leaves the town of his birth.

   (c) Write a short note on the character of Fagin.

SECTION-II

3.   Answer any ***one*** question from the following in about 500 words.   15×1 = 15

   (a) Do you consider Shylock an outright villain in *The Merchant of Venice*? Justify your answer with close reference to the text.

   (b) Write a short essay on the theme of friendship in *The Merchant of Venice*.

4.   Answer any ***two*** of the following short questions, each within 200 words.   5×2 = 10

   (a) "Who chooseth me shall get as much as he deserves". Who is the speaker here? Who actually chooses the speaker in *The Merchant of Venice*? What happens to him?

(b)   What if my house be troubled with a rat,
         And I be pleased to give ten thousand ducats
         To have it baned?

Who says this? Why does he make this remark? What attitude of the speaker is revealed by this remark?

(c)   "It is enthronèd in the hearts of kings;
         It is an attribute to God Himself,"

What is being referred to as "it" over here? Who is the speaker? Why does the speaker call "it" an "attribute to God"?

N.B. : *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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