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WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours/Programme 3rd Semester Examination, 2019

ENGHGEC03T/ENGGCOR03T-ENGLISH (GE3/DSC3)

PAPER TITLE: NOVELS & 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* of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15

    (a) Do you consider Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist* as a social satire? Discuss with detailed reference to the text.

    ### OR

    (b) Write a note on Charles Dickens' portrayal of women characters in his novel *Oliver Twist*.

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 200 words each: 5×2 = 10

    (a) What challenges did Oliver Twist face while living in the city?

    (b) Why do you think Charles Dickens included the episode involving Gamfield, the chimney sweeper?

    (c) What was the condition of the workhouse as depicted in *Oliver Twist*?

    (d) Describe the Artful Dodger in *Oliver Twist*. Why was he given this nickname?

SECTION-II

3. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15

    (a) What impression do you form of Shylock, the Jew from your reading of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*?

    ### OR

    (b) Discuss William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* as a comedy.

4. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 200 words each: 5×2 = 10

    (a) Briefly discuss the Jessica-Lorenzo sub plot.

    (b) How does Portia's intervention save Antonio in the trial scene (Act IV, Scene 1)?

    (c) Comment critically on Shakespeare's portrayal of Antonio and Bassanio's friendship.

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