WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours/Programme 3rd Semester Examination, 2021-22

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) Comment on *Oliver Twist* as a novel dealing with the misery and vulnerability of children with close reference to the text.

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

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

  (a) How does Dickens present the countryside in *Oliver Twist*?

  (b) Briefly describe Oliver's first impression of London.

  (c) Briefly comment on the character of Bill Sykes.

SECTION-II

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

  (a) Discuss the significance of the Trial Scene in *The Merchant of Venice*.

  (b) Critically comment on the character of Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*.

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

  (a) "If you tickle us do we not laugh? If you poison us do we not die?" Who says this? Why does he make this remark?

  (b) "Your father was ever virtuous; and holy men at their death have good inspirations:" Who is the speaker? What does she refer to as "good inspirations"?

(c) "Some god direct my judgment! Let me see;

I will survey the inscriptions back again.

What says this leaden casket?"

Who is the speaker? Why does he pray for divine assistance? What is engraved on the leaden casket?

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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