



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 2nd Semester Examination, 2021



ENGACOR04T-ENGLISH (CC4)

BRITISH POETRY AND DRAMA (14TH – 17TH CENTURY)

Full Marks: 50

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

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

NOTE: Long Question and Reference to the Context (RTC) cannot be attempted from the same text.

SECTION-I

1. Answer any **one** question from the following: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Critically analyse Spenser's 'One day I wrote her name' as an Elizabethan love poem.
- (b) Make a critical estimate of Shakespeare's use of nostalgia as an aspect of love in 'Sonnet 30'.
- (c) Critically comment on Marvell's treatment of the 'carpe diem' theme in 'To his Coy Mistress'.
2. Explain, with reference to the context, any **one** from the following in not more than 200 words: 5×1 = 5
- (a) But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,
All losses are restor'd, and sorrow end.
- (b) We're tapers too, and at our own cost die,
And we in us find the eagle and the dove.
- (c) The grave's a fine and private place,
But none, I think, do there embrace.

SECTION-II

3. Answer any **one** question from the following in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Discuss the dramatic significance of the Sleepwalking Scene (V, i) in *Macbeth*.
- (b) Critically evaluate the role of the Witches in *Macbeth*.

- (c) Is *Tamburlaine the Great* successful as a tragedy? Give reasons for your answer.
(d) Critically assess Marlowe's presentation of the character of Tamburlaine in *Tamburlaine the Great*.

4. Answer any **one** question from the following in about 500 words:

15×1 = 15

- (a) Comment on the role of Viola in *Twelfth Night*.
(b) Critically comment on the gulling of Malvolio in *Twelfth Night*.
(c) Analyse the role of Epicure Mammon in *The Alchemist*.
(d) Discuss *The Alchemist* as a satire on human gullibility.

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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