



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

ENHGEC03T/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 far 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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