



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2023

ENGACOR08T-ENGLISH (CC8)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*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 questions and RTC cannot be attempted from the same text.**

SECTION-I

1. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
  - (a) Discuss Samuel Johnson's poem 'London' as a satirical portrayal of 18<sup>th</sup> century England.
  - (b) Examine 'Elegy written in a Country Churchyard' as a pastoral elegy.
  - (c) Discuss the complex nature of the Divine in Blake's 'The Lamb' and 'The Tyger'.
  
2. Locate and annotate any **one** of the following in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5
  - (a) And I made a rural pen,  
And I stain'd the water clear,
  - (b) Some village Hampden, that with dauntless breast  
The little tyrant of his fields withstood;  
Some mute inglorious Milton here may rest,  
Some Cromwell guiltless of his country's blood.
  - (c) Grant me, kind Heaven, to find some happier place,  
Where Honesty and sense are no disgrace  
Some pleasing Bank where verdant Osiers play,  
Some peaceful Vale with Nature's paintings gay;

SECTION-II

3. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
  - (a) Analyse Swift's use of irony in *Gulliver's Travels*. Answer with particular reference to Books III and IV.
  - (b) Houyhnhnms' society is, in stark contrast even to the societies of Gulliver's third voyage, devoid of human elements. Discuss this statement in reference to Book III and IV of *Gulliver's Travels*.
  
4. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
  - (a) Comment on the significance of the Proviso scene in Congreve's *The Way of the World*.
  - (b) Discuss Congreve's *The Way of the World* as a representative Restoration comedy.

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