



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

B.A. Honours/Programme 3rd Semester Examination, 2020, held in 2021

**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 far as practicable.*

**SECTION-I**

1. Answer any **one** question from the following in about 500 words. 15×1 = 15
  - (a) How does Dickens present the criminal justice system in *Oliver Twist*? Answer with close references to the text.
  - (b) Bring out the character of Nancy in *Oliver Twist*.
2. Answer any **two** of the following short questions, each within 200 words. 5×2 = 10
  - (a) What is the significance of Noah's family history in *Oliver Twist*?
  - (b) Describe any one act of kindness Oliver experiences before he leaves the town of his birth.
  - (c) Write a short note on the character of Fagin.

**SECTION-II**

3. Answer any **one** question from the following in about 500 words. 15×1 = 15
  - (a) Do you consider Shylock an outright villain in *The Merchant of Venice*? Justify your answer with close reference to the text.
  - (b) Write a short essay on the theme of friendship in *The Merchant of Venice*.
4. Answer any **two** of the following short questions, each within 200 words. 5×2 = 10
  - (a) "Who chooseth me shall get as much as he deserves". Who is the speaker here? Who actually chooses the speaker in *The Merchant of Venice*? What happens to him?

- (b) What if my house be troubled with a rat,  
And I be pleased to give ten thousand ducats  
To have it baned?

Who says this? Why does he make this remark? What attitude of the speaker is revealed by this remark?

- (c) "It is enthronèd in the hearts of kings;  
It is an attribute to God Himself,"

What is being referred to as "it" over here? Who is the speaker? Why does the speaker call "it" an "attribute to God"?

**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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