



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY  
B.A. Honours/Programme 3rd Semester Examination, 2022-23

ENHGEC03T/ENGGCOR03T-ENGLISH (GE3/DSC3)

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 450-500 words: 15×1 = 15
  - (a) Consider *Oliver Twist* as a critique of the criminal justice system of contemporary England.
  - (b) Attempt a brief analysis of the character of Oliver Twist.
2. Answer any **two** of the following in 200-250 words each: 5×2 = 10
  - (a) Mention any one act of kindness experienced by Oliver before he leaves the town of his birth.
  - (b) How does Fagin engage children in various criminal activities?
  - (c) Write a short note on the character of Rose Maylie in *Oliver Twist*.

SECTION-II

3. Answer any **one** of the following in about 450-500 words: 15×1 = 15
  - (a) Attempt a critical assessment of the character of Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice*.
  - (b) Write a brief note on the dramatic significance of the Casket scene (Act-3, Scene-2) in *The Merchant of Venice*.
4. Locate and annotate any **two** of the following in 200-250 words each: 5×2 = 10
  - (a) I hate him for he is a Christian;  
But more, for that in low simplicity  
He lends out money gratis and brings down  
The rate of usance here with us in Venice.

- (b) If a Jew wrong a Christian, what is his humility? Revenge: If a Christian wrong a Jew, what should his sufferance be by Christian example? Why, revenge.
- (c) The quality of mercy is not strain'd,  
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blessed;  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:

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