



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2021

ENGACOR08T-ENGLISH (CC8)
18TH CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE

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) Consider Johnson's 'London' as a satiric poem.
- (b) Gray's 'Elegy Written in the Country Churchyard' deals with the "short and simple annals of the poor". Do you agree? Justify with close reference to the text.
- (c) Critically examine Blake's symbolism in 'The Lamb' and 'The Tyger'.
2. Locate and annotate any *one* of the following in about 200 words each: 5×1 = 5
- (a) Struck with the seat that gave Eliza birth,
We kneel, and kiss the consecrated earth;
In pleasing dreams the blissful age renew,
And call Britannia's glories back to view;
- (b) Some mute inglorious Milton here may rest,
Some Cromwell guiltless of his country's blood.
- (c) In what distant deeps or skies
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?
On what wings dare he aspire?
What the hand, dare seize the fire?

SECTION-II

3. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Comment on Swift's misanthropic attitude towards human society in *Gulliver's Travels* with particular reference to Books III and IV.

- (b) Critically examine Swift's use of irony in *Gulliver's Travels*. Answer with particular reference to Books III and IV.

4. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 500 words:

15×1 = 15

- (a) Would you consider Addison's 'The Scope of Satire' a statement of his reformist vocation as a writer? Justify with reference to the essay.
- (b) Bring out the significance of the title of Defoe's essay 'The Compleat English Gentleman'.

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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