



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Programme 3rd Semester Examination, 2019

DSC-ENGLISH
BRITISH LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.
All symbols are of usual significance.*

GROUP-A

1. Answer any *two* questions from the following: 10×2 = 20
- (a) Comment on Dickens' portrayal of the character of Oliver in *Oliver Twist*.
 - (b) Write a short note on the major themes of Dickens' *Oliver Twist*.
 - (c) Discuss the character of Shylock in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.
 - (d) Critically discuss the different kinds of love which you come across in *The Merchant of Venice*.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any *two* questions from the following: 10×2 = 20
- (a) Comment on Spenser as a love poet with reference to sonnet LXXV of *Amoretti*.
- OR**
- (b) Write a critical appreciation of Spenser's 'One day I wrote her name'.
 - (c) How is Shakespeare's sonnet CXXX a critique of Petrarchan sonnets?
- OR**
- (d) Trace the strain of melancholy in Shakespeare's sonnet no. LXV.
 - (e) Discuss Donne's use of metaphysical conceits in *The Sunne Rising*.
- OR**
- (f) Assess *The Sunne Rising* as an aubade.
 - (g) Examine Wyatt's 'Whoso List to Hunt' as a sonnet.
- OR**
- (h) Comment on the imagery in Wyatt's *Whoso List to Hunt*.
 - (i) Justify the title of Milton's *On His Blindness*.
- OR**
- (j) Assess Milton as a sonneteer with special reference to *On His Blindness*.

GROUP-C

3. Answer any *four* questions from the following:

5×4 = 20

- (a) "O! none, unless this miracle have might..." What is the 'miracle' referred to here?
- (b) How has Shakespeare compared the beauty of his mistress with others?
- (c) "Vain man, said she, that doth in vain assay
A mortal thing so to immortalize."
Who is being referred to as 'vain man' and why?
- (d) "Our love shall live, and later life renew". How does the poet intend to "renew" later life?
- (e) What is the speaker's initial attitude towards the sun and how does it change by the end of *The Sunne Rising*?
- (f) "She's all states, all princes I". — Explain with reference to the context.
- (g) What is the significance of the line "Noli me tangere, for Caesar's I am"?
- (h) "Shine here to us, and thou art everywhere;"— Explain with reference to the context.
- (i) What is the quest described in *Whoso list to Hunt*?
- (j) "They also serve who only stand and wait." — Explain the line with reference to the context.

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