



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.A. Honours/Programme 3rd Semester Examination, 2021-22

**ENHGEC03T/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) Comment on *Oliver Twist* as a novel dealing with the misery and vulnerability of children with close reference to the text.
- (b) Bring out the character of Fagin in *Oliver Twist*.
2. Answer any **two** of the following short questions, each within 200 words: 5×2 = 10
- (a) How does Dickens present the countryside in *Oliver Twist*?
- (b) Briefly describe Oliver's first impression of London.
- (c) Briefly comment on the character of Bill Sykes.

**SECTION-II**

3. Answer any **one** question from the following in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Discuss the significance of the Trial Scene in *The Merchant of Venice*.
- (b) Critically comment on the character of Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*.
4. Answer any **two** of the following short questions, each within 200 words: 5×2 = 10
- (a) "If you tickle us do we not laugh? If you poison us do we not die?" Who says this? Why does he make this remark?
- (b) "Your father was ever virtuous; and holy men at their death have good inspirations:" Who is the speaker? What does she refer to as "good inspirations"?

(c) “Some god direct my judgment! Let me see;

I will survey the inscriptions back again.

What says this leaden casket?”

Who is the speaker? Why does he pray for divine assistance? What is engraved on the leaden casket?

**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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