



‘समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी’

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Programme 3rd Semester Examination, 2023

DSC1/2-P3-ENGLISH

BRITISH LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any *two* questions from the following: 10×2 = 20
- (a) Comment on Dickens's portrayal of the character of Oliver in *Oliver Twist*.
 - (b) Discuss *Oliver Twist* as a critique of Victorian society.
 - (c) Discuss the role and character of Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*.
 - (d) Examine critically the different kinds of love you come across in *The Merchant of Venice*.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any *two* questions from the following: 10×2 = 20
- (a) Examine Wyatt as a sonneteer with reference to "Whoso List to Hunt".
- OR**
- (b) Comment on the imagery in Wyatt's "Whoso List to Hunt".
 - (c) Bring out the theme of transience in Spenser's "One day I wrote her name".
- OR**
- (d) Comment on Spenser as a love poet with reference to "One day I wrote her name".
 - (e) Critically appreciate Shakespeare's "My mistress' eyes".
- OR**
- (f) Write a note on the imagery in Shakespeare's sonnets with reference to the poems on your syllabus.
 - (g) Discuss Donne's "The Sunne Rising" as a metaphysical poem.
- OR**
- (h) Critically examine Donne's "The Sunne Rising" as a love poem.

(i) Examine "On His Blindness" as a religious poem.

OR

(j) Critically appreciate "On His Blindness".

GROUP-C

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

5×4 = 20

- (a) "And wild for to hold, though I seem tame" — Explain with reference to the context.
- (b) Briefly discuss the central theme of "Whoso List to Hunt".
- (c) "Our love shall live, and later life renew". How does the poet intend to 'renew' later life?
- (d) How has Shakespeare compared the beauty of his mistress with others?
- (e) "That in black ink my love may still shine bright". — Explain.
- (f) What are the things that cannot stand the ravages of time as described by the poet in "Since brass, nor stone"?
- (g) Why is the sun described "as half as happy as we"?
- (h) Why is the speaker unwilling to wink at the sun's rays?
- (i) Explain the phrase 'Talent which is death to hide'.
- (j) What does Milton mean by 'thousands at his bidding'?

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