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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Programme 3rd Semester Examination, 2021

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:

 $10 \times 2 = 20$

(a) Comment on Dickens's portrayal of the character and role of Oliver in *Oliver Twist*.

OR

- (b) What picture of Victorian society do you find in *Oliver Twist*?
- (c) Critically analyse Shylock's character.

OR

(d) Bring out the significance of the Courtroom Scene in *The Merchant of Venice*.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any *two* questions from the following:

 $10 \times 2 = 20$

(a) Comment on the imagery in Wyatt's 'Whoso List to Hunt'.

OR

- (b) Examine Wyatt as a Sonneteer with reference to 'Whoso List to Hunt'.
- (c) Consider Spenser's 'One Day I wrote her name' as a love poem.

OR

- (d) Bring out the theme of transience in Spenser's 'One Day I wrote her name'.
- (e) Trace the strain of melancholy in Shakespeare's 'Since Brass'.

OR

(f) Attempt a critical appreciation of Shakespeare's 'My Mistress' eyes'.

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(g) Comment on Donne's use of metaphysical conceits in 'The Sunne Rising'.

OR

- (h) Attempt a critical appreciation of Donne's 'The Sunne Rising.'
- (i) Examine 'On His Blindness' as a religious poem.

OR

(i) Critically appreciate 'On His Blindness'.

GROUP-C

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

 $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) Explain the metaphor of the deer.
- (b) "And wild for to hold, though I seem tame"— Explain with reference to the context.
- (c) How does Spenser seek to immortalize "the beloved"?
- (d) "Our love shall live, and later life renew"— Explain.
- (e) How does Shakespeare describe the beloved's hair?
- (f) "That in blank ink my love may still shine bright"— Explain.
- (g) Why is the sun called "the Busy old Fool"?
- (h) Why is the sun described "as half as happy"?
- (i) Explain the phrase "Talent which is death to hide."
- (j) "They also serve who only stand and wait"— Explain.

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