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**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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