



COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Program 3rd Semester Examinations, 2023

ENGLISH

BRITISH LITERATURE-I

DSC (GROUP-1)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Answer any **one** question from the following: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Examine the title of *A Tale of Two Cities*.
 - (b) Give a character-sketch of Portia from your reading of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.

2. Answer any **one** question from the following: 10×1 = 10
 - (a) Show how Dickens portrays the character of Lucie Manette.
 - (b) Explain the dramatic significance of the Courtroom scene in *The Merchant of Venice*.

3. Answer any **one** question from the following: 5×1 = 5
 - (a) Write a short note on the character of Sydney Carton.
 - (b) Write a short note on the ring episode in *The Merchant of Venice*.

4. Answer any **ten** questions from the following: 1×10 = 10
 - (a) How long was Dr. Manette imprisoned in Bastille?
 - (b) What is the first line of *A Tale of Two Cities*?
 - (c) What does spilled wine symbolise?
 - (d) Who operates as a spy for the French?
 - (e) How is Bassanio related to Antonio?
 - (f) Whom does Bassanio give Portia's ring to?
 - (g) Who is Old Gobbo?
 - (h) What disguise does Jessica put on?
 - (i) What reason does Antonio give for being sad in the opening scene of the play?
 - (j) What disguise does Portia put on to enter the court?
 - (k) Who is referred to as the 'Jackal'?
 - (l) By what name do the men in Defarge's wine shop call their fellow revolutionaries?

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