



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY  
B.A. Major 1st Semester Examination, 2025-26



**ENGDSC101T/ENGDSCN101T-ENGLISH (MAJOR)**

**HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

1. Answer any **two** of the following questions within 400 words each: 10×2 = 20
- (a) Mention the features of Restoration Comedy of Manners with reference to at least one major playwright.
- OR**
- (b) Write an essay on Restoration Verse Satire.
- (c) Write a brief note on English Romantic poetry with reference to any two major poets.
- OR**
- (d) Write an account on the types of novel popular during the English Romantic period.
- (e) Discuss in brief the range and variety of Victorian poetry with special reference to any of the major poets.
- OR**
- (f) Assess the literary contribution of the major women novelists of the Victorian period.
- (g) Consider T.S. Eliot as a major 20<sup>th</sup> Century Modernist poet.
- OR**
- (h) Write a brief essay on the contribution of any two major novelists of the Modern period.
2. Write short notes on any **four** of the following within 200 words each: 5×4 = 20
- (a) Puritanism
- (b) Neoclassicism
- (c) Graveyard School of poetry
- (d) Primary and Secondary Imagination
- (e) Naturalistic Drama
- (f) Celtic Revival
- (g) Kitchen Sink Drama
- (h) Absurdism.

3. Answer any *ten* of the following questions:

1×10 = 10

- (a) Name a Christian allegorical poem of the Restoration Age with its author.
- (b) Name two Cavalier Poets.
- (c) What is the alternative title of Dryden's play, *All for Love*?
- (d) Who wrote *Gulliver's Travels*?
- (e) Name a drama written by Oliver Goldsmith.
- (f) Name two major 18<sup>th</sup> Century essayists.
- (g) Who wrote the 'Songs of Innocence and of Experience'?
- (h) Mention two notable works of Sir Walter Scott.
- (i) What is the pen name of Charles Lamb?
- (j) Name any two works of the Bronte Sisters.
- (k) Who wrote '*On the Origin of Species*'? When was it published?
- (l) Who wrote 'Sonnets from the Portuguese'?
- (m) Name two major English poets of the First World War.
- (n) Name a major poetic drama of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.
- (o) Name one prominent member of the Bloomsbury group.

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