



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours/Programme 1st Semester Examination, 2021-22

ENGHGEC01T/ENGGCOR01T-ENGLISH (GE1/DSC1)

INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY

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 **three** of the following questions within 500 words each: 15×3 = 45
 - (a) What is the main theme of the poem “Marriages Are Made” by Eunice D’Souza? Comment with reference to the tone used by the poet.
 - (b) Discuss Langston Hughes’ poem “Harlem” as a protest against racial oppression.
 - (c) Comment on the theme of empowerment, equality, oppression and defiance in Maya Angelou’s poem “Still I Rise”.
 - (d) Consider “Dulce et Decorum est” as an anti-war poem.
 - (e) Why does Roland Barthes criticize modern French toys? Explain.

2. Answer any **one** of the following questions within 250 words: 5×1 = 5
 - (a) What, according to Owen, is the ‘old lie’? Why does he think so?
 - (b) Locate and annotate:
“Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise”
 - (c) Comment on the images of sagging and exploding in “Harlem”.
 - (d) What impact does the last line of the poem “Marriages Are Made” create on the readers?
 - (e) Explain the social implications of Barthes distinction between plastic and wooden toys.

N.B. : *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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