



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

B.A. Honours/Programme 1st Semester Examination, 2020, held in 2021

**ENHGEC01T/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: 15×3 = 45
- (a) The poem “Marriages Are Made” by Eunice De Souza deals with the theme of gender discrimination in Indian society. Discuss.
  - (b) What does ‘a dream deferred’ mean in “Harlem,” a poem by Langston Hughes? Discuss in the context of the poem.
  - (c) Consider “Still I Rise” by Maya Angelou as a poem of protest.
  - (d) Show how Wilfred Owen explores the reality of war in “Dulce et Decorum Est”.
  - (e) What are the main ideas in the essay “Toys” by Roland Barthes?
2. Answer any **one** of the following questions: 5×1= 5
- (a) Write a brief note on the use of the expression ‘Dulce et Decorum Est’ by Wilfred Owen.
  - (b) Comment on any two symbols in the poem “Still I Rise” by Maya Angelou.
  - (c) What is the significance of the bus ride episode in Amitav Ghosh’s “The Ghosts of Mrs Gandhi”?
  - (d) What does Eunice De Souza mean by ‘formalities’ in the poem “Marriages Are Made”? What does she say about the arranged marriages in India?
  - (e) The poem “Harlem” is full of questions. Is it significant that there are no answers to these questions? Justify.

**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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