



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.A. Honours 2nd Semester Supplementary Examination, 2021

**ENGACOR04T-ENGLISH (CC4)**

**BRITISH POETRY AND DRAMA (14TH–17TH CENTURY)**

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.*

**SECTION-I**

1. Answer any **two** of the following questions in not more than 500 words: 10×2 = 20
- (a) How has Spenser blended the conventional elements with individual qualities in the sonnet 'One day I wrote her name'?
- (b) Comment on Shakespeare's treatment of the theme of love in the sonnets 30 and 129.
- (c) Consider Donne's 'Canonization' as a Metaphysical love poem.
2. Explain, with reference to the context, any **one** of the following in not more than 200 words: 5×1 = 5
- (a) But if the while I think on thee, dear friend, All losses are restor'd and sorrows end.
- (b) Let him be rich and weary, that at least, if goodness lead him not, yet weariness May toss him to my breast.

**SECTION-II**

3. Answer any **one** of the following in not more than 500 words: 10×1 = 10
- (a) Critically analyze either, the 'Porter Scene's (Act II, sc. iii) or the 'Sleep-walking Scene' (Act V, sc. i) in *Macbeth*.
- (b) Discuss Shakespeare's use of supernatural elements in *Macbeth*.
- (c) Is Tamburlaine a hero or an anti-hero? Answer with close reference to the text.
- (d) Bring out the significance of Zenocrates's character in Marlowe's *Tamburlaine the Great*.

4. Answer any **one** of the following in not more than 500 words: 10×1 = 10
- (a) Comment on the significance of the title of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.
  - (b) Critically assess the role of Feste in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.
  - (c) Examine Ben Jonson's *The Alchemist* as a Comedy of Humours.
  - (d) What role does money play in Ben Jonson's comedy *The Alchemist*? Answer with close reference to the text.
5. Locate and annotate any **one** of the following within 200 words: 5×1 = 5
- (a) "But wherefore could I not pronounce 'Amen'?"
  - (b) "I hold the Fates bound fast in iron chains,  
And with my hand turn Fortune's wheel about  
And sooner shall the sun fall from his sphere,  
Than Tamburlaine be slain or overcome."
  - (c) "Oh, you are sick of self-love, Malvolio, and taste with a distempered appetite."
  - (d) "Nature doth first beget the imperfect, then Proceeds she to the perfect."

**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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