



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 1st Semester Examination, 2019

ENGACOR01T-ENGLISH (CC1)

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

[Word limit : 500 for each answer]

Answer each of the following questions

1. (a) Critically comment on the questions Draupadi poses before the Kaurava Royal Court prior to her attempted disrobing. 10
OR
(b) Discuss the concept of Dharma in the *Mahabharata* with special emphasis on Yudhisthira as reflected in the Sabhaparva.
2. (a) Evaluate Charudatta as the Nayaka of Sudraka's play *Mrichchhakatika*. 15
OR
(b) How does *Mrichchhakatika* represent contemporary social reality? Elucidate.
3. (a) Critically analyse the character of Sakuntala as portrayed in Kalidasa's *Abhijnanasakuntalam*. 15
OR
(b) How does Kalidasa use nature as a significant element in *Abhijnanasakuntalam*?

SECTION-II

4. Answer any *two* of the following in about 200 words each: 5×2 = 10
(a) "In that forest there is a hermitage" Describe the hermitage and its inhabitants as described in Banabhatta's *Kadambari*.
(b) Briefly comment on the Prologue of *Kadambari*.
(c) Critically comment on the central theme of the Parrot's tale in *Kadambari*.