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( Held in 2023 )

ENGLISH

Paper : ENGHG3036/ENGR3036

( British Literature )

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions

1. Choose the correct option from the following :

1×6=6

- (a) Who is the writer of *Oliver Twist* ?
- (i) Charles Dickens
  - (ii) William Shakespeare
  - (iii) Emily Brontë
  - (iv) Thomas Hardy
- (b) Cleopatra was the queen of the Kingdom of
- (i) Rome
  - (ii) Egypt
  - (iii) Spain
  - (iv) Greece



- (c) Where was Oliver born?
- (i) In a train
  - (ii) In a workhouse
  - (iii) In a hospital
  - (iv) On the street
- (d) Of what does Octavius Caesar accuse Antony?
- (i) Adultery
  - (ii) Lechery
  - (iii) Failure to aid the other triumvirs
  - (iv) Desertion
- (e) Who takes care of Oliver after his mother dies?
- (i) His father
  - (ii) A foster care center
  - (iii) The nurse
  - (iv) His aunt
- (f) Why did Antony have to return to Rome?
- (i) His wife had died
  - (ii) To return a sword
  - (iii) He was needed for military strategy
  - (iv) To pay a debt

2. Answer the following questions in short :  $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) Why was Oliver punished so badly for having asked for more gruel?
  - (b) Why does Caesar condemn Antony for abandoning Rome?
  - (c) How did Oliver begin his life and where?
  - (d) Why does Caesar decide to go to war against Egypt?
  - (e) How much of gruel Oliver and other boys used to get?
3. Answer any six of the following questions :  $5 \times 6 = 30$
- (a) Write a brief character sketch of Antony.
  - (b) How are Fagin and Noah Claypole alike and different in *Oliver Twist*?
  - (c) What are Cleopatra's motives in joining Antony in the battle at sea?
  - (d) Describe the themes of *Oliver Twist*.
  - (e) Describe Antony's conflict between love and duty.
  - (f) In *Oliver Twist*, how are Rose and Nancy alike?
  - (g) How did Cleopatra betray Antony?



(h) Write a brief note on Dickens as a novelist.

(i) Write a brief character sketch of Cleopatra.

4. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

(a) Narrate the story of *Oliver Twist* in your own words.

(b) Contrast the characters of Caesar and Antony. What qualities allow Caesar to win their war?

(c) Write a note on *Antony and Cleopatra* as a historical tragedy.

5. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 14

(a) Does Cleopatra kill herself because she can't live without Antony, or because she is too proud to be paraded around as Caesar's trophy?

(b) The richer characters in *Oliver Twist* are, on the whole, happier than the poor characters. Is Dickens arguing that money leads to happiness? Why or why not?

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