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(Held in 2023)

ENGLISH

Paper : ENGHG3036/ENGRC3036

(**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 :
2×5=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 :
5×6=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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