



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.A. Honours/Programme 1st Semester Examination, 2021-22

**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 within 500 words each: 15×3 = 45
- What is the main theme of the poem “Marriages Are Made” by Eunice D’Souza? Comment with reference to the tone used by the poet.
  - Discuss Langston Hughes’ poem “Harlem” as a protest against racial oppression.
  - Comment on the theme of empowerment, equality, oppression and defiance in Maya Angelou’s poem “Still I Rise”.
  - Consider “Dulce et Decorum est” as an anti-war poem.
  - Why does Roland Barthes criticize modern French toys? Explain.
2. Answer any **one** of the following questions within 250 words: 5×1= 5
- What, according to Owen, is the ‘old lie’? Why does he think so?
  - Locate and annotate:  
“Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
I rise”
  - Comment on the images of sagging and exploding in “Harlem”.
  - What impact does the last line of the poem “Marriages Are Made” create on the readers?
  - Explain the social implications of Barthes distinction between plastic and wooden toys.

**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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