

SIXTH SEMESTER U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2023

(CBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 6B 12—CLASSIC OF WORLD LITERATURE

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

1. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each (2 marks each with ceiling 25):

- 1 What is the main cause of the Trojan War ?
- 2 What happens to Hector at the end of war ?
- 3 What, in your opinion is the central theme of the Mahabharata
- 4 Who guides Dante in his journey ?
- 5 How does the violet view itself ?
- 6 How is the flower pictured in the first stanza of Pushkin's poem ?
- 7 Why does Omar Khayyam consider that intellectual capability as limited in terms of human life ?
- 8 What is the 'shameless truth' proposed by Rumi ?
- 9 How does Basho picture the flower ?
- 10 Why did Teiresias refuse to tell the truth ?
- 11 What is the name of the battleground in *The Broken Thighs (Orubangam)* ?
- 12 How did Valjean repay the kindness of the Bishop the very next morning ?
- 13 How does Mother Sauvage come to know about her son's death ?
- 14 What was the hermit doing when the King arrived ?
- 15 Where did the fairy and Zhu hide ?

Turn over

Answer the following questions in a paragraph (5 marks each with ceiling 25)

- 16 Mention the main themes of Homer's epics.
- 17 What are the two doubts that trouble Dante?
- 18 How does the title "Adam" match with the poet's intentions?
- 19 Write a note on the major theme of the poem "The Rubaiyat."
- 20 Write a critical note on the Delphic Oracle.
- 21 Significance of the title *Mother Savage*.
- 22 What is the version of the murdered man in *In a Bamboo Grove*, about his death, as told through the medium?
- 23 Attempt a character sketch of Sohrab.

4. Answer any two of the following in an essay :

- 24 State the salient features of the Greek Theatre.
- 25 How does Rilke express his unwavering faith in mankind?
- 26 "Love conquers all" as the central theme of *Les Misérables*.
- 27 The short story *Three Questions* proves that Leo Tolstoy is first and foremost a moral philosopher in quest for the meaning of life. Comment.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)