

**MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL URDU UNIVERSITY**

**Programme: B.A. English**

**III Semester Examinations, November/December – 2024**

Course Title: **Introduction to British Literature**  
Time: **3 hours**

Course Code: **BNEN301DCT**  
Marks: **70**

**Note:** This question paper consists of (3) parts: Part – A, Part-B and Part-C. Number of words to answers each question is only indicative. Attempt all the parts.

**Part–A** contains (10) compulsory questions of multiple choice/fill in the blank/very short answer type question. Answer all questions. Each question carries (1) mark. **(10x1=10-marks)**

**Part-B** contains (8) questions of which students are supposed to answer (5) questions. Answer each question in approximately 200 words. Each question carries 06 marks. **(5x6=30 marks)**

**Part-C** contains (5) questions of which students are supposed to answer (3) questions. Answer each question in approximately 500 words. Each question carries (10) marks. **(3x10=30 marks)**

**PART -A**

1. **Answer all the following questions.**

- i. Who utters the often-quoted lines from Shakespeare’s *The Merchant of Venice*, “The quality of mercy is not strained; It droppeth, as the gentle rain from heaven.”  
A. Portia                      B. Antonio                      C. Balthazar                      D. Bassanio
- ii. Thingummy and Toby Crakit are characters in the novel \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. What is the relationship between Portia and Nerissa?
- iv. Why did Oliver think London would be a good place to go?
- v. Who is the author of the drama, *Othello*?
- vi. Which among the following characters is considered evil in Shakespeare’s *The Merchant of Venice*?  
A. Shylock                      B. Gratiano                      C. Lorenzo                      D. Jessica
- vii. Why does Bassanio offer his ring to the young clerk that saves the life of Antonio?
- viii. What did Monks do with the locket and the ring?
- ix. Where did Nancy go after Sikes fell asleep?
- x. What did the cook do when Oliver asked for more soup?

**PART- B**

**Answer any FIVE of the following questions.**

2. Write short notes on *Moralities* and *Interludes*.
3. Discuss the features of romantic comedy.
4. Why did Oliver escape to London?
5. Sketch the character of Mr. Brownlow.
6. How does Bassanio win the right to marry Portia?
7. Consider the achievements of University Wits.
8. How did Rose persuade her aunt to save Oliver?
9. Write a note on the contribution of Charles Dickens to the English novel.

## PART - C

*Answer any **THREE** of the following questions.*

10. Describe in your own words what Nancy told Rose about Oliver and Monks. Give examples.
11. Write an essay on the origin and growth of novel in England.
12. Analyze the theme of friendship in *The Merchant of Venice*.
13. Discuss in detail the importance of the casket scene in *The Merchant of Venice*.
14. Analyze the greatness of William Shakespeare with reference to the drama prescribed for your study.

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