

West Bengal State University
B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. (Honours, Major, General) Examinations, 2014
Part - II

ENGLISH — GENERAL

Paper - III

Duration : 3 Hours

[Maximum Marks : 100

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP - A

1. Answer any six of the following questions : 6 × 2 = 12
- a) "I am constant as the northern star." Who says this ? What light does it throw on the character of the speaker ?
 - b) What is the Feast of Lupercal ?
 - c) "Disrobe the images, if you find them decked with ceremonies." Who says this and when ?
 - d) "The last of all the Romans, fare thee well." Who says this and in what context ? Who is the person referred to ?
 - e) Who was Daniel ? Who is compared to Daniel in *The Merchant of Venice* and why ?

- f) 'I never heard a passion so confused
So strange, outrageous, and so variable.'
Who is the speaker ? Whom is he referring to and what is the context ?
- g) How much money does Antonio borrow from Shylock and for what duration ?
- h) 'The quality of mercy is not strained' — Who says this and why ?
- i) 'You have the soul of a servant' — Who says this ? What is meant by the 'soul of a servant' ?
- j) Who is Don Quixote ? Why does Bluntschli compare Sergius to Don Quixote ?
- k) 'Sergius : Tell Catherine the queer story'
— What is the 'queer story' ?
- l) 'Nine soldiers out of ten are born fools' — Who is the speaker ? Explain the meaning of the given line.

GROUP - B

2. Answer the following questions :

2 × 16 = 32

- a) i) Do you agree with the view that Shylock was more sinned against than sinning in *The Merchant of Venice* ? Justify your answer.

OR

- ii) Consider the casket scene as the dramatic centre of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.

OR

- iii) Bring out the contrast between the characters of Brutus and Cassius in Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*.

OR

- iv) What light does the funeral speech throw on the character of Antony ?

- b) i) How does Shaw express his views on war and love through Bluntschli ?

OR

- ii) Critically examine the role of Raina in Shaw's *Arms and the Man*.

3. Explain with reference to the context any *two* of the following : $2 \times 8 = 16$

- a) "For look he smiles, and Caesar doth not change."
b) "Such men as he be never at heart's ease
Whiles they behold a greater than themselves,
And therefore are very dangerous."
c) "But when this ring
Parts from this finger, then parts life from hence."
d) "Away then ! I am lacked in one of them :
If you do love me, you will find me out."
e) "You have a low shopkeeping mind. You think of things that would never
come into a gentleman's head."
f) "It proves that all our ideas were real after all".

GROUP - C

4. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics : $1 \times 20 = 20$

- a) Literature and cinema.
b) Art and civilization.
c) Use and abuse of social networking.
d) Your favourite short-story.

5. Write notes on any *five* of the following :

5 × 4 = 20

- a) Epic
 - b) Symbol
 - c) Round and Flat Characters
 - d) Climax
 - e) Comedy
 - f) Elegy
 - g) Ballad
 - h) Soliloquy.
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