



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. General PART-I Examinations, 2017

ENGLISH-GENERAL

PAPER-ENGG-I

Time Allotted: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 100

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.

Group-A

1. Answer any **four** questions from the following within 500 words each: 15×4 = 60
- (a) How does Wordsworth express his romantic cynicism in the poem 'The World is too much with us'?
 - (b) Comment on the use of imagery in Shelley's 'Ode to the West Wind'.
 - (c) Attempt a critical appreciation of Keats' 'Ode to a Nightingale'.
 - (d) Matthew Arnold's 'Dover Beach' is a criticism of modernity – Discuss.
 - (e) How far is Browning's 'Porphyria's lover' a 'psychological poem'?
 - (f) Tennyson's 'Ulysses' reflects the Victorian spirit. Do you agree? Substantiate your answer.
 - (g) What are the chief symbols and images used by Hardy in his poem 'In time of the Breaking of Nations'?
 - (h) Discuss Owen as an anti-war poet with reference to 'Strange Meeting'.
 - (i) Yeats is a modern poet with the touch and feel of a Romantic. How far does the poem 'Lake Isle of Innisfree' reflect this?
 - (j) Auden's 'Musee des Beaux Arts' presents the reader with the hard realities of life – Discuss.

2. Answer any *three* questions from the following within 200 words each: 5×3 = 15
- (a) "The floating clouds their state shall lend to her; for her the willow bend" – Explain.
 - (b) Why is the West Wind termed "destroyer and preserver"?
 - (c) Why does Keats refer to the nightingale as the "deceiving elf"?
 - (d) Explain the phrase "Sea of Faith" as used in the poem 'Dover Beach' by Arnold.
 - (e) Locate the source of the following line and explain it:
"I cannot rest from travel: I will drink life to the lees."
 - (f) "About suffering they were never wrong, The old Masters" – Explain.

Group-B

3. Identify the figures of speech in any *five* from the following: 2×5 = 10
- (a) The soul was like a star that dwelt apart.
 - (b) Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting.
 - (c) The prisoner is bound in iron.
 - (d) The brook that babbles by.
 - (e) Youth is full of pleasure, age is full of care.
 - (f) Cowards die many times before their death.
 - (g) The anxious morning slowly dawned.
 - (h) The child is the father of man.
 - (i) A Daniel has come to judgement.
 - (j) Crown and sceptre must tumble down.
4. (a) Write a letter to the State Electricity Board complaining about frequent power cuts in your locality. 15
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- (b) Write an application to the bank manager enquiring about the reasons for a dishonoured cheque. 15