



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. General PART-III Examinations, 2018

ENGLISH-GENERAL

PAPER- ENGG-IV

NEW AND OLD SYLLABUS



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.

NEW SYLLABUS

1. Answer any **one** question from the following: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Analyse R.K. Narayan's, 'Ishwaran' as a critique of the education system.
 - (b) How does Bond portray the characters of Baldeo in 'The Tiger in the Tunnel'?
 - (c) Critically comment on the title of 'Hungry Stones'.

2. Locate and annotate any **two** from the following: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) 'In the Land of Baldeo, it was a formidable weapon against any attack'.
 - (b) "The fountains play no longer; the songs have ceased; no longer do snow-white feet step gracefully on the snowy marble".
 - (c) "All kinds of thrills occurred on that white screen beyond the pall of tobacco smoke".

3. Answer any **one** question from the following: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Analyse Kamala Das' 'Introduction' as a self-confessional poem.
 - (b) Comment on the imagery used by Ramanujan in 'The River'.
 - (c) Critically appreciate Jayanta Mahapatra's, 'Dawn at Puri'.

4. Locate and annotate any **two** from the following: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) "Tis, hushed at last.
And melts the picture from their sight away".
 - (b) "My earth is how they playfield and Thy seat".
 - (c) "He was there for a day
When they had the floods".

5. Write a précis of the following passage and add a suitable title. 8+2

It is physically impossible for a well-educated, intellectual, or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts just as it is for him to make his dinner the principal object of them. All healthy people like their dinners, but their dinner is not the main object of their lives. So all healthy minded

people like making money ought to like it and enjoy the sensation of winning it; it is something better than money.

A good soldier, for instance, mainly wishes to do his fighting well. He is glad of his pay— very properly so and justly grumbles when you keep him ten years without it— till, his main mission of life is to win battles, not to be paid for winning them. So of clergymen. The clergyman's object is essentially to baptize and preach not to be paid for preaching. So of doctors. They like fees no doubt— ought to like them; yet if they are brave and well-educated the entire object to their lives is not fees. They on the whole, desire to cure the sick; and if they are good doctors and the choice were fairly to them, would rather cure their patient and lose their fee than kill him and get it. And so with all the other brave and rightly trained men: their work is first, their fee second— very important always: but still second.

6. Write a Curriculum Vitae applying for a job of a primary school teacher or a library assistant. 10

7. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: 5×4 = 20

The atmosphere surrounding Earth is made up of several layers of gas mixtures. The most common gases in our atmosphere are nitrogen, oxygen and carbon dioxide. The amount of the gases in the mixture varies above the different places on Earth. The atmosphere puts pressure on the planet. The amount of pressure becomes less and less the further away from Earth's surface you are. When we think of the atmosphere, we mostly think of the part that is closest to us. At any moment in time, the overall condition of Earth's atmosphere, including the part we can see and the parts we cannot, is called weather. Weather can change, and it frequently does. That is because the conditions of the atmosphere can change.

The four main layers in Earth's atmosphere are the troposphere, the stratosphere, the mesosphere and the thermosphere. The layer that is closest to the surface of Earth is called the troposphere. It extends up from the surface of Earth for about 11 kilometers. This is the layer where airplanes fly. We experience almost all weather in this layer. About three-fourths of our atmosphere's air is also found in the troposphere.

Just above the troposphere is the stratosphere. It extends to about 50 kilometers above Earth's surface. Most of our planet's ozone layer is in this colder, drier layer. Ozone is important to the health of our planet because it helps keep some of the sun's dangerous radiation from reaching the Earth's surface. If we continue upward, the next layer is the mesosphere, which extends up to about 80 kilometers above Earth's surface. The Mesosphere is extremely cold. It is within this layer that you are most likely to find meteors. Most meteors will completely burn up before they reach Earth's surface. The final layer is the thermosphere, the layer that is closest to the sun. Temperatures in the thermosphere can be over 1,500° Celsius. Together, the layers of our atmosphere protect Earth. The atmosphere provides the conditions needed to support life.

- If you were to send a bottle rocket 15 kilometers up into the air, which layer of the atmosphere would it be in?
- What are the most common gases in Earth's atmosphere?
- Why is it important to protect the stratosphere?
- Why aren't there many meteors in the troposphere?

8. Check the proof of the following text and re-write using proof-reading signs wherever necessary. (*Attach this page with your answer book*) 10

Geoffrey chaucer is one of the most noted writers of the fourteenth century. Though Chaucer wrote many things, mostly poetry, is greatest work was the extensive *Canterbury Tales*. it began as a listing of people on a pilgrimage to Canterdury. and then continued with each person telling a Tale or story along the way. He details each person's occupation, personality, and clothing with historical accuracy and societal perspective.

OR

(For visually impaired)

Write a CV applying for the job of English Teacher in a Secondary School.

OR

10. Check the proof of the following text and re-write using proof-reading signs wherever necessary. (Attach this page with your answer book)

Charles Darwin is one of the most noted writers of the nineteenth century. Though Darwin wrote many things, mostly on evolution, he is best known for his theory of natural selection. His theory states that organisms that are better adapted to their environment will survive and reproduce, while those that are not as well adapted will die. This theory has revolutionized our understanding of biology and the natural world.

Read the following text and re-write it using proof-reading signs. The results of each person's occupational personality and their characteristics are different. The first category is the 'introverted' type, which is characterized by a preference for working alone or in small groups. The second category is the 'extroverted' type, which is characterized by a preference for working in large groups or teams. The third category is the 'ambivert' type, which is characterized by a preference for working in both small groups and large teams.

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(a) If you were to spend a day in each of the layers of the atmosphere, which layer would you prefer? Why?

OLD SYLLABUS

1. Answer any *one* question from the following: 16×1 = 16
 - (a) Comment on 'A Moment of Eternity' as a short story.
 - (b) Briefly bring out the significance of the description of the summer heat at the beginning of 'Duty'.
 - (c) Comment on the blending of humour and pathos in R.K. Narayan's, 'Dasi the Bridegroom'.

 2. Explain with reference to the context any *one* from the following: 9×1 = 9
 - (a) "Like Alamgir, it leaves no fire in the hearth, nor water in the jar, to bring a man to justice....."
 - (b) "Oh the bridegroom is still crying; his wife beat him yesterday".
 - (c) The prisoner was waiting for her verdict.

 3. Answer any *one* question from the following: 16×1 = 16
 - (a) Comment on the imagery and symbolism in Toru Dutt's 'Sita'.
 - (b) Assess Ramanujan's 'A River' as a typically Indian English Poem.
 - (c) Bring out the significance of the title in Kamala Das' 'An Introduction'.

 4. Explain any *one* of the following and add a critical comment: 9×1 = 9
 - (a) "Be any, or be Kamala. Or better still, be Madhavikutty".
 - (b) Will it matter if I know who the victims are, who survived.
 - (c) The new poets still quoted the old poets, but no one spoke in verse.

 5. Write a dialogue on any *one* of the following in about 250 words: 10×1 = 10
 - (a) Between two friends on the relevance of politics in student life.
 - (b) Between a teacher and a student on the necessity of English education.

 6. (a) Write a story with a doctor, a lady and a pet dog as its characters. 15
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- (b) Complete the following story: As he was walking along the footpath, he noticed something strange. 15
7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and propositions: 1×5 = 5
 - (a) You should explain your position _____ them.
 - (b) He hasn't been at the playground _____ a long time.
 - (c) I gave him a chair to sit _____.
 - (d) Please pass me _____ book that is on the table.
 - (e) My sister is learning to play _____ piano at her school.

8. Join the sentences with appropriate conjunction: 1×4 = 4
- (a) She is not honest. She is not hardworking.
 - (b) They gave her the best treatment. They could not save her.
 - (c) God made small things. God made great things.
 - (d) He is not educated. He possesses practical wisdom.
9. Re-write the following sentences according to the given instruction: 2×3 = 6
- (a) You will not take this pen under any circumstances. (Begin with 'under').
 - (b) Were it not for their laziness, they would have done quite well (Begin with 'but').
 - (c) Who stole Raju's book? (Re-write in passive voice).

10. Check this proof of the given text using proof-reading signs wherever necessary. (*Attach this page with your answer book*) 10

I recently read a review that has me shaken and, if I am being
honest, angry. The book of poetry it reviewed has received critical
acclaim but the review in question appears to be a take-down of the
poet. As I read it, I felt as though I wasn't learning anything new
about the book. Just the review was biased. In short, it was easy to
identify the review as a bad review.