



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. General Part-I Examination, 2019

ENGLISH
PAPER-ENGG-I

Casual



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
- Critically appreciate Wordsworth's poem 'The World is too much with us'.
 - Comment on Shelley's treatment of nature in the poem 'Ode to the West Wind'.
 - Write a short essay on Keats' sensuousness in 'Ode to a Nightingale'.
 - Matthew Arnold's 'Dover Beach' is a criticism of modernity. — Discuss.
 - Assess 'Porphyria's Lover' as a love poem.
 - Consider Tennyson's 'Ulysses' as representative poem of the Victorian age.
 - Comment on the central theme of Hardy's poem 'In Time of The Breaking of Nations'.
 - How does Owen represent the horror of modern warfare in the poem 'Strange Meeting'?
 - What features of Romantic poetry do you find in Yeats' 'Lake Isle of Innisfree'?
 - Discuss briefly the significance of the paintings mentioned in Auden's poem 'Musée des Beaux Arts'.
2. Answer any **three** questions from the following within 200 words each: 5×3 = 15
- Explain with reference to the context:
"Myself will to my darling be
Both law and impulse:"
 - Locate and annotate:
"Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud!
I fall upon the thorns of life! I bleed!"
 - Explain with reference to the context:
"O for a beaker full of the warm South
Full of the true, the blushful Hippocrene"

- (d) Explain what Tennyson mean by 'He works his work, I mine'.
- (e) What is meant by 'Titanic wars'? Answer with reference to 'Strange Meeting'.
- (f) What is Brueghel's Icarus about? Answer with reference to 'Musée des Beaux Arts'.

GROUP-B

3. Identify the figures of speech in any *five* from the following: 2×5 = 10
- (a) I wandered lonely as a cloud.
 - (b) Far on the ringing plains of windy Troy.
 - (c) The pen is mightier than the sword.
 - (d) Ten thousand saw I at a glance.
 - (e) The brook that babbles by.
 - (f) Art is long, life is short.
 - (g) O Death! Where is thy sting?
 - (h) The child is the father of man.

4. (a) ABC Retail Chain has advertised in a reputed newspaper looking for salespersons at their counters. Write an application to their Personnel Manager for the said post. 15

OR

- (b) Write a letter to the local municipal authorities advising them on the measures that can be taken to avoid the spread of mosquito-borne diseases. 15

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