



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

B.A. Honours PART-I Examinations, 2017

**ENGLISH-HONOURS**

**PAPER-ENGA-I**

Time Allotted: 4 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 **one** question within 500 words from the following: 15×1 = 15
  - (a) Write a note on Anglo-Saxon prose.
  - (b) Write a note on the contribution of Caedmon to Anglo-Saxon Christian poetry with reference to some poems attributed to him or his school.
  - (c) Comment on the importance of the 'Prologue' to Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*.
  
2. Answer any **three** questions within 200 words each from the following: 5×3 = 15
  - (a) What impression of Old English society do you form from your reading of *Beowulf*?
  - (b) Briefly comment on the theme of "Deor's Lament."
  - (c) Write a brief note on the contribution of Wulfstan to Anglo Saxon prose.
  - (d) Write a short note on the contribution of Mandeville to Middle English literature.



- (e) Briefly evaluate *Piers Plowman* as an allegory.

**Group-B**

3. Answer any **one** question within 500 words from the following: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Assess “One day I wrote her Name” as a typical Elizabethan lyric.
  - (b) Critically analyse the relationship of the poet and his friend as reflected in Sonnet 18 and Sonnet 73.
  - (c) Comment on “The Canonization” as a metaphysical love lyric.
4. Answer any **one** question within 500 words from the following: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Critically examine Bacon’s views on friendship with reference to his essay *On Friendship*.
  - (b) What are the salient features of Jacobean prose?
  - (c) Critically examine how Burton deliberates on “Man’s Excellency, Fall, Miseries, Infirmities; the causes of them.”
5. Answer any **two** questions within 200 words each from the following: 5×2 = 10
- (a) What, according to Sidney, is “Nature’s child”? Explain the significance of the reference.
  - (b) Comment briefly on Shakespeare’s description of his mistress in sonnet 130.
  - (c) “Had we but world enough and time”— What would the poet do if he had enough ‘world’ and ‘time’?
  - (d) Answer, after Bacon, the attendants of man that win and combat over Death.
  - (e) Write a note on the contribution of Tyndale and Coverdale to Bible translations into English.



**Group-C**

6. Answer any *two* questions within 450 words each from the following: 10×2 = 20
- (a) Give reasons, following Jespersen, why the Latin influence on the English language has been a hindrance.
  - (b) Show, with examples from words adopted by the English, how the French were a feudal nation and took upon themselves the control of the English court and judiciary.
  - (c) Examine the Scandinavian influence on the English language.
  - (d) Write short notes on the following:
    - (i) Back formation
    - (ii) Johnsonese
  - (e) Write a note on loan words and discuss loan translations of words of Indian origin into modern English.
7. Write philological notes on any *five* from the following: 2×5 = 10
- Peon, lathi-charge, match-box, military hotel, gift, die, daisy, dream, trusteeship, beautiful.