



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 5th Semester Examination, 2024-25

ENGADSE01T-ENGLISH (DSE1/2)



OLD ENGLISH LITERATURE, PHILOLOGY, RHETORIC & PROSODY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

SECTION-I

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions within 450 words each: 10×2 = 20
 - (a) Write a note on how Latin influence has shaped English language.
 - (b) Examine, with suitable illustrations, the impact of the Bible on English language.
 - (c) Comment on the nature and extent of American influence on English language.
2. Write short notes on any *two* of the following within 250 words each: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) Native Resources
 - (b) Malapropism
 - (c) Hybridism.

SECTION-II

3. Identify, define and explain at least five figures of speech in any *one* of the following passages: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) I cannot rest from travel: I will drink
Life to the lees: All times I have enjoy'd
Greatly, have suffer'd greatly, both with those
That loved me, and alone, on shore, and when
Thro' scudding drifts the rainy Hyades
Vext the dim sea: I am become a name;
 - (b) Then flash'd the living lightning from her eyes,
And screams of horror rend th' affrighted skies.
Not louder shrieks to pitying Heav'n are cast,
When husbands or when lap-dogs breathe their last,
Or when rich China vessels, fallen from high,
In glitt'ring dust and painted fragments lie!

4. Scan any *one* of the following passages and comment on the metrical patterns including variations, if any: 5×1 = 5

- (a) Fail I alone, in words and deeds?
Why, all men strive and who succeeds?
We rode; it seem'd my spirit flew,
Saw other regions, cities new,
As the world rush'd by on either side.

- (b) The rainbow comes and goes,
And lovely is the Rose,
The moon doth with delight
Look round her when the heavens are bare.



—x—