



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 2nd Semester Examination, 2024



ENGACOR03T-ENGLISH (CC3)

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 limits as applicable.*

NOTE: Long Question and Reference to the Context (RTC) cannot be attempted from the same text.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any *two* from the following questions in about 400 words each: 10×2 = 20
 - (a) Attempt a critical estimate of Ezekiel's 'Night of the Scorpion'.
 - (b) Consider Kamala Das' poem 'An Introduction' as a confessional poem.
 - (c) Comment on the significance of the title of the poem 'Hunger' by Jayanta Mahapatra.
 - (d) Analyse Madhusudan Dutt's reflections on the star-lit night in the poem 'I stood in Solitude'.

2. Explain any *one* of the following with reference to the context in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5
 - (a) "Oh freedom! there is something dear
E'en in thy very name."
 - (b) "I am Indian, very brown, born in Malabar,
I speak three languages, write in
Two, dream in one."
 - (c) "I heard him say: My daughter, she's just turned fifteen
Feel her. I'll be back soon, your bus leaves at nine."

GROUP-B

3. Answer any *one* from the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Do you think R. K. Narayan's novel *The Guide* is a picaresque novel? Discuss.
 - (b) Critically analyse the role of the character of Rosie in the novel *The Guide*.

4. Answer any *two* from the following questions in about 250 words each: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) Comment on the role of the narrator in 'The Free Radio'.
 - (b) Critically comment on the ending of the story 'Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright'.
 - (c) Examine the role of marriage in the story 'The Intrusion'.

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