



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. General Part-I Examination, 2021

ENGLISH

PAPER: ENGG-I

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.*

GROUP-A

1. Answer any **one** question from the following within 500 words each: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Critically bring out the different stages of Nature interaction with Lucy in Wordsworth's 'The Education of Nature'.
 - (b) Critically assess Shelley's 'Ode to the West Wind' as a Romantic poem.
 - (c) Keats's 'Ode to Nightingale' is a poem of escape. Discuss. Is the poet able to escape?
 - (d) Compare and contrast the characters of Ulysses and Telemachus as presented in Tennyson's 'Ulysses'.
 - (e) Discuss Browning's 'Porphyria's Lover' as a dramatic monologue.
 - (f) Assess 'Dover Beach' as a Victorian poem.
 - (g) Write a critical appreciation of Hardy's 'In Time of the Breaking of Nations'.
 - (h) How does Owen portray 'the pity that war distilled' in his poem, 'Strange Meeting'?
 - (i) Comment on Yeats's treatment of nature with reference to 'Lake Isle of Innisfree'.
 - (j) Discuss the appropriateness of the title of Auden's poem 'Musée des Beaux Arts'.
2. Answer any **two** questions from the following within 200 words each: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) Explain with reference to the context:
Little we see in Nature that is ours;
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!
 - (b) Locate and annotate the following lines:
Yellow, and black, and pale, and hectic red,
Pestilence-stricken multitudes : O thou,
Who chariotest to their dark wintry bed.
 - (c) Explain what Keats means by:
Thou wast not born for death, immortal Bird!
No hungry generations tread thee down;

- (d) Locate the following lines and explain what they mean:

And all night long we have not stirred

And yet God has not said a word!

- (e) Explain what Arnold means by:

And we are here as on a darkling plain

Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,

Where ignorant armies clash by night.

- (f) Explain the significance of the statement “I am the enemy you killed, my friend”.

GROUP-B

3. Identify the figures of speech in any *five* from the following: 2×5 = 10

(a) O my love is like a red, red rose.

(b) I will drink life to the lees.

(c) Full fathom five thy father lies.

(d) I came, I saw, I conquered.

(e) United we stand, divided we fall.

(f) The idle busy rolls their world away.

(g) Mercy is like the gentle rain from heaven.

(h) O Solitude! Where are the charms?

(i) Failure is the pillar of success.

4. (a) Write a letter to your local Municipality or Panchayat complaining about the poor condition of the drainage system in your area. 15

OR

- (b) XYZ Company needs a clerk. The vacancy has been advertised in a local newspaper. Write an application to the Personnel Manager of XYZ Company for the said post. 15

N.B. : Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.

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