



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. General Part-III Examination, 2021

ENGLISH

PAPER: ENGG-IV

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.***Answer any *one* question from Question No. 1 or 2**

1. Answer any *one* question from the following: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) How does Narayan critique the education system in his short story “Iswaran”?
 - (b) Write a note on the character of Baldeo in “The Tiger in the Tunnel”.
 - (c) Analyse “Hungry Stones” as a good short story.
2. Answer any *one* question from the following: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Analyse Kamala Das’, “Introduction” as a confessional poem.
 - (b) Comment on the prominent images in Ramanujan’s poem “A River”.
 - (c) Critically analyse Jayanta Mahapatra’s poem “Dawn at Puri”.

Answer any *one* question from Question No. 3 or 4

3. Locate and annotate any *one* from the following: 5×1 = 5
 - (a) Then I was filled with a lively fear that it was the Muse that had taken advantage of my solitude and possessed me.
 - (b) Like his fore-fathers he carried a small axe; fragile to look at but deadly when in use.
 - (c) He felt he was the sole occupant of the world and its overlord. He thumped his chest and addressed the notice-board: “Know who I am?”
4. Locate and annotate any *one* from the following: 5×1 = 5
 - (a) Their austere eyes
stare like those caught in a net
hanging by the dawn’s shining
strands of faith.
 - (b) It is time to
Choose a name, a role. Don’t play
pretending games.
 - (c) a river dries to a trickle
in the sand,
baring the sand ribs.

Answer any *one* question from Question No. 5 to 7

5. Write a precis and add a suitable title to the following passage: 10
- English education and English language have done immense goods in India, inspite of their glaring drawbacks. The notions of democracy and self-government are the born of English education. Those who fought and died for mother India's freedom were nursed in the cradle of English thought and culture. The West has made contribution to the East. The history of Europe has fired the hearts of our leaders. Our struggle for freedom has been inspired by the struggles for freedom in England, America and France. If our leaders were ignorant of English and if they had not studied this language, how could they have been inspired by these heroic struggles for freedom in other lands? English, therefore, did us great good in the past and if properly studied will do immense good in future. English is spoken throughout the world. For international contact our commerce and trade, for the development of our practical ideas, for the scientific studies, English-is indispensable "English is very rich in literature," our own literature has been made richer by this foreign language. It will really be a fatal day if we altogether forget Shakespeare, Milton, Keats and Shaw.
6. Write a Curriculum Vitae, applying for *one* of the following vacancies: 10
- (a) Air hostess or flight attendant for a famous airlines company.
- (b) Call Centre Executive with good communication skill and command over English.
7. Check the proof of the following text using appropriate signs. Attach the sheet with your answer book. 10
- Mike and morris lived in the same village. While Morris owned the larggest jewelry shop in the village, Mike was a Poor farmer? Both had large families with many sons, daughters-in-law and granbchildren. One fine day, Mike, tried of not being able to feed him family. decided to leave the villAge and move to the city where he was certain to earn enough too feed everyone. Along with his fa mily, he left the village for the city. At at night, they stopped under a large tree. there was a stream running nearby where they could freshun up themselves.

OR

(For visually impaired)

Write a CV applying for the job of radio jockey at a radio station.

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8. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The Kingdom of Spain was created in 1492 with the unification of the Kingdom of Castile and the Kingdom of Aragon. For the next three centuries, Spain was the most important colonial power in the world. It was the most powerful state in Europe and the foremost global power during the 16th century and the greater part of the 17th century. Spain established a vast empire in the Americas, stretching from California to Patagonia, and colonies in the western Pacific.

Spain's European wars, however, led to economic damage, and the latter part of the 17th century saw a gradual decline of power under an increasingly neglectful and inept Habsburg regime. The decline culminated in the War of the Spanish Succession, where Spain's decline from the position of a leading Western power to that of a secondary one, was confirmed, although it remained the leading colonial power.

The eighteenth century saw a new dynasty, the Bourbons, which directed considerable effort towards the institutional renewal of the state, with some success, peaking in a successful involvement in the American War of Independence.

The end of the eighteenth and the start of the nineteenth centuries saw turmoil unleashed throughout Europe by the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, which finally led to a French occupation of much of the continent, including Spain. This triggered a successful but devastating war of independence that shattered the country and created an opening for what would ultimately be the successful independence of Spain's mainland American colonies.

- (a) What was Spain's global status before the European wars?
- (b) How did the European wars affect Spain?
- (c) How did the Bourbons contribute to the Spanish development?
- (d) What led to the war of independence in Spain?

5×4 = 20

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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