



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours Part-I Examination, 2022

ENGLISH

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 from the following within 500 words: 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 from the following each within 200 words: 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 from the following within 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Assess 'Loving in Truth' as a typical Petrarchan sonnet.
 - (b) How does Shakespeare parody the Petrarchan tradition in his sonnet 130?
 - (c) How does Marvell treat the theme of 'carpe diem' in the poem 'To His Coy Mistress'?

4. Answer any **one** question from the following within 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Write a note on Bacon's prose style with reference to his essay 'Of Death'.

- (b) Write a note on the development of Bible translations culminating in the Authorized Version of the Bible, 1611.
- (c) How does Burton examine the phenomenon of melancholy in the prescribed extract of *The Anatomy of Melancholy*?

5. Answer any **two** questions from the following each within 200 words: 5×2 = 10

- (a) Comment on the dramatic element in Spenser's 'One day I wrote her name'.
- (b) Explain with reference to the context:
'And we in us find the eagle and the dove'.
- (c) Explain the significance of the line:
'There grows the flow'r of peace,
The rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress, and thy ease.'
- (d) Explain 'Whoever is delighted in solitude is either a wild beast or a god'.
- (e) Critically comment on the image of the dying fire as delineated in Sonnet 73 of Shakespeare.

GROUP-C

6. Answer any **two** questions from the following each within 450 words: 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.

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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