



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

B.A. General Part-I Examination, 2022

**ENGLISH**

**PAPER: ENGG-I**

Time Allotted: 3 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 **four** questions from the following within 500 words each: 15×4 = 60
- (a) How does Wordsworth express his romantic cynicism in the poem 'The World is too much with us'?
  - (b) Comment on the use of imagery in Shelley's 'Ode to the West Wind'.
  - (c) Attempt a critical appreciation of Keats' 'Ode to a Nightingale'.
  - (d) Matthew Arnold's 'Dover Beach' is a criticism of modernity – Discuss.
  - (e) How far is Browning's 'Porphyria's lover' a 'psychological poem'?
  - (f) Tennyson's 'Ulysses' reflects the Victorian spirit. Do you agree? Substantiate your answer.
  - (g) What are the chief symbols and images used by Hardy in his poem 'In time of the Breaking of Nations'?
  - (h) Discuss Owen as an anti-war poet with reference to 'Strange Meeting'.
  - (i) Yeats is a modern poet with the touch and feel of a Romantic. How far does the poem 'Lake Isle of Innisfree' reflect this?
  - (j) Auden's 'Musee des Beaux Arts' presents the reader with the hard realities of life – Discuss.
2. Answer any **three** questions from the following within 200 words each: 5×3 = 15
- (a) "The floating clouds their state shall lend to her; for her the willow bend" – Explain.
  - (b) Why is the West Wind termed "destroyer and preserver"?
  - (c) Why does Keats refer to the nightingale as the "deceiving elf"?
  - (d) Explain the phrase "Sea of Faith" as used in the poem 'Dover Beach' by Arnold.
  - (e) Locate the source of the following line and explain it:  
"I cannot rest from travel: I will drink life to the lees."
  - (f) "About suffering they were never wrong, The old Masters" – Explain.

**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.*

—×—