



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours Part-I Examination, 2020

ENGLISH

PAPER-ENGA-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 *two* questions from the following, each within 500 words: 15×2 = 30
- (a) What are the characteristic features of the Anglo Saxon epic poetry? Answer with reference to *Beowulf*.
- (b) Assess the contribution of Cædmon to the Anglo-Saxon Christian poetry.
- (c) Comment on the significance of the first eighteen lines of the 'Prologue' to Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*.
- (d) Discuss Sidney's attitude to love as revealed in his sonnet, 'Loving in Truth'.
- (e) Comment on Shakespeare's use of imagery in his sonnets, with reference to either Sonnet No. 18 or Sonnet No. 73.
- (f) Justify Marvell's 'To His Coy Mistress' as a typical metaphysical poem.
- (g) Discuss Bacon's views on death with reference to his essay 'On Death'.
- (h) Can Burton's 'The Anatomy of Melancholy' be called a philosophical treatise? Answer with close reference to the text.
2. Answer any *two* questions from the following, each within 200 words each: 5×2 = 10
- (a) What does Deor say about himself in the final lines of the poem, 'Deor's Lament'?
- (b) Write a short note on the Anglo Saxon Chronicle.
- (c) Assess the contribution of either John Wyclif or John Gower in the history of English Literature.
- (d) Why does the lady rebuke the poet in "One Day I Wrote Her Name"?
- (e) Explain with reference to the context:
'We die and rise the same, and prove
Mysterious by this love.'
- (f) What is the predominant emotion in Shakespeare's Sonnet No. 130?

- (g) Explain the significance of the line:
“There above noise and danger
Sweet Peace sits, crowned with smiles”
- (h) Give two suitable examples of Bacon’s aphoristic style from your reading of his essay, ‘On Friendship’.

GROUP-B

3. Answer any *two* questions from the following, each within 200 words: 5×2 = 10
- (a) Write a note on the Latin borrowings after the introduction of Christianity.
- (b) Write briefly on the French influence on military and law terms.
- (c) How did the Scandinavians bring about a change in English grammar?
- (d) Write a short note on Malapropism **or** Back-formation.
- (e) Comment on loan words and loan translations of words of Indian origin into modern English.

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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