WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. General Part-I Examination, 2020

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: 15×1 = 15

 (a) Discuss the appropriateness of the title of Wordsworth's poem, 'The Education of Nature'.

 (b) Critically comment on Shelley's treatment of nature in his poem, 'Ode to the West Wind'.

 (c) Discuss Keats' 'Ode to a Nightingale' as a typical Romantic poem.

 (d) What essential Victorian features may be found in Tennyson's poem, 'Ulysses'?

 (e) How has the lover been portrayed by Browning in his poem, 'Porphyria's Lover'?

 (f) What are the controlling ideas in Arnold's poem, 'Dover Beach'?

 (g) What do the three stanzas of 'In Time of the Breaking of Nations' represent?

 (h) What is the theme of Owen's poem, 'Strange Meeting'?

 (i) Elaborate upon the imagery of Yeats' poem, 'Lake Isle of Innisfree'.

 (j) Attempt a critical appreciation of Auden's 'Musee des Beaux Arts'.

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

 (a) Explain with reference to the context:

   Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud!

   I fall upon the thorns of life! I bleed!

 (b) Locate and annotate the following lines:

   O for a beaker full of the warm South,

   Full of the true, the blushful Hippocrene,

   With beaded bubbles winking at the brim,

   And purple-stained mouth……

 (c) Explain what Tennyson means by 'He works his work, I mine.'

(d) Comment on the significance of the statement, "Ah, love, let us be true / To one another!"

(e) What does Owen mean by "I mean the truth untold, / The pity of war, the pity war distilled."?

(f) Locate and annotate the following lines:

> and the expensive delicate ship that must have seen
>
> Something amazing, a boy falling out of the sky,
>
> Had somewhere to get to and sailed calmly on.

GROUP-B

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

   (a) I wandered lonely as a cloud

   (b) A thing of beauty is a joy forever

   (c) Out, out, brief candle!

   (d) The pen is mightier than the sword

   (e) The fair breeze blew, the white foam flew

   (f) Beauty is truth, truth beauty

   (g) Life is short, art is long

   (h) O Death! Where is thy sting

   (i) This is no pleasant story

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

4. (a) Write a letter to Officer in charge of your local police station informing how a local club is organising Durga Puja without abiding by the government directives related to the Covid-19 pandemic. 15

OR

   (b) ABC Retail Chain has advertised in a reputed newspaper looking for salespersons at their counters. Write an application to their Personnel Manager 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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