



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours Part-II Examination, 2019

ENGLISH

PAPER: ENGA-IV

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 **four** questions from the following within 200 words each: 5×4 = 20
- Write a brief note on the Waverley novels with special reference to any one novel of your choice.
 - Discuss the importance of Richardson in the history of English novel.
 - How did the periodical press and the practice of journal-keeping play vital roles in the development of the novel?
 - Briefly evaluate Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' as a gothic novel.
 - Focus on the important aspects of Thackeray's fictional works with particular reference to 'Vanity Fair'.
 - Discuss briefly the distinctive features of 'Wuthering Heights'.

GROUP-B

2. Answer the following questions from the **two** sections, each within 500 words: 15×2 = 30

Section-I

- (a) 'Pride and Prejudice' lives and moves in the character of Elizabeth Bennet. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

OR

- (b) How was Darcy's education completed successfully in the course of the novel 'Pride and Prejudice'?

OR

- (c) Discuss 'Jane Eyre' as an example of a Bildungsroman with a female protagonist.

OR

- (d) Would you consider 'Jane Eyre' to be a feminist novel? How does the novel portray the position of women in the Victorian Society?

Section-II

- (e) Compare and contrast the characters of Dora and Agnes in Charles Dickens' 'David Copperfield'.

OR

- (f) Critically comment on the plot construction of 'David Copperfield'.

OR

- (g) How does Hardy present and develop the character of Gabriel Oak?

OR

- (h) Do you think that Hardy's outlook on life is essentially pessimistic? Answer with close reference to 'Far from the Madding Crowd'.

GROUP-C

3. Answer any *three* questions from the following each within 400 words: 10×3 = 30
- (a) Does Arnold call his own age modern? Briefly discuss with reference to the essay 'On Modern Elements in Literature'.
- (b) How does Lamb portray the character of Mrs. Field or of John Lamb in the essay 'Dream Children: A Reverie'?
- (c) How successfully does Addison criticize his own age in a satirical manner in the essay 'Scope of Satire'?
- (d) How does Cardinal Newman distinguish between liberal and servile arts? Discuss with reference to 'Knowledge Its Own End'.

GROUP-D

4. Write short notes on any *five* from the following literary terms, each within 100 words: 4×5 = 20
- (a) Epistolary novel
- (b) Gothic novel
- (c) Flat and round character
- (d) Plot
- (e) Setting
- (f) Realism
- (g) Bildungsroman.

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