



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours Part-I Examination, 2019

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) Assess the development of Old English prose under Aelfric and Wulfstan.
 - (b) Name some Anglo Saxon Elegiac poetry. What are the characteristic features of these poems?
 - (c) Comment on the importance of the 'Prologue' to Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*.

2. Answer any **three** questions from the following within 200 words each: 5×3 = 15
 - (a) Critically analyse the poem 'The Dream of the Rood'.
 - (b) Describe briefly the fight between Beowulf and Grendel.
 - (c) Comment on the theme and mood of 'Deor's Lament'.
 - (d) How does 'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight' succeed in giving us a picture of the courtly life of the Middle Ages?
 - (e) Write a short note on the Lollard Movement.

GROUP-B

3. Answer any **one** question from the following within 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Assess 'One Day I Wrote Her Name' as a typical Elizabethan love lyric.
 - (b) Critically analyse the Sonnets of Shakespeare prescribed in your syllabus.
 - (c) Discuss the metaphysical features of Donne's 'The Canonization'.

4. Answer any *one* question from the following within 500 words: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Critically examine Bacon's views on friendship with reference to his essay "On Friendship".
 - (b) With a close reference to the text show how Burton has dealt with the issue of religion in "The Anatomy of Melancholy".
 - (c) What are the salient features of the Jacobean prose?
5. Answer any *two* from the following questions within 200 words each: 5×2 = 10
- (a) What, according to Sidney, is "Nature's Child"? Explain.
 - (b) Explain the ending couplet of Shakespeare's Sonnet number 130.
 - (c) Annotate the lines: "But at my back I always hear/Time's winged chariot hurrying near".
 - (d) What is an aphorism? Give an example of aphorism as used by Bacon in his essay, 'Of Death'.
 - (e) Write a brief note on the significance of King James' Bible.

GROUP-C

6. Answer any *two* from the following questions within 450 words each: 10×2 = 20
- (a) Examine the Scandinavian influence on the English language.
 - (b) Write briefly on Pre-Christian and Post-Renaissance Latin loans.
 - (c) Write short notes on the following:
 - (i) Johnsonese,
 - (ii) French aristocratic loan words.
 - (d) Write a note on loan words of Indian Origin into Modern English.
 - (e) Write an essay on the French influence on English grammar & syntax.
7. Write philological notes on any *five* of the following: 2×5 = 10
- Peon, guru, military hotel, lathi-charge, trusteeship, gift, daisy, dream, beautiful, match-box.

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