

West Bengal State University
B.A./B.Sc./B. Com. (Honours, Major, General) Examinations, 2014

PART - I
ENGLISH — GENERAL
PAPER - I
(NEW & OLD SYLLABUS)

Duration : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

(NEW SYLLABUS)

GROUP - A

1. Answer any *four* questions from the following, each in about 500 words :

4 × 15 = 60

- (a) How does Wordsworth bring out the relation between man and nature ? Discuss with close reference to the poems 'Education of Nature' and 'The World is Too Much With Us'.
- (b) 'If winter comes, can spring be far behind ?' — What is the source of the line ? When and why does the poet voice this note of optimism ?
- (c) What is an Ode ? How does Keats use the form of an ode to present the conflict between permanence and flux in 'Ode to Nightingale' ?

- (d) Discuss the philosophy of the Victorian age as expressed in Tennyson's 'Ulysses'.
- (e) Make a critical estimate of Browning's 'Porphyria's Lover' as a dramatic monologue.
- (f) What are the three images used by Thomas Hardy in 'In Time of the Breaking of Nations' to express the central theme ?
- (g) Give the substance of Matthew Arnold's poem 'Dover Beach'. Is the poem totally pessimistic ? Justify your answer.
- (h) How far does Wilfred Owen's poem 'Strange Meeting' bring out his attitude to war ?
- (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) Discuss the aptness of the title of Auden's poem 'Musee des Beaux Arts'.

2. Answer any *three* of the following, each in about 200 words : 3 × 5 = 15

- (a) Explain with reference to the context :
 'Adieu ! the Fancy cannot cheat so well
 As she is famed to do, deceiving elf.'
- (b) 'Her clarion o'er the dreaming earth, ...' — Locate the quoted line. What is meant by the word 'clarion' ? What impact does this 'clarion' have on the earth ?
- (c) 'Thus Nature spake — the work was done' — What did Nature say ? Explain the expression 'the work was done'. What impact did Nature's ruling have on the speaker ?

- (d) "White legs disappearing into the green water" — Whose legs are referred to? What is the painting suggested here? Why?
- (e) Locate and annotate :
'I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore.'
- (f) 'It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.'
Who says this and to whom? What is referred to as the 'Happy Isles'?
Who is Achilles?

GROUP - B

3. Identify the figures of speech in any *five* of the following : 5 × 2 = 10
- (a) Sceptre and Crown / Must tumble down.
(b) The whole sky burned with fury.
(c) He is now in the sunset of his days.
(d) To rust unburnished, not to shine in use.
(e) Silence is eloquent.
(f) Out, out, brief candle!
(g) In a wailful choir the small gnats mourn.
(h) The press weilds great power.
(i) The child is father of the Man.
(j) All Arabic breathes from yonder box.
4. (a) Write a letter to the State Electricity Board complaining about frequent power cuts in your locality. 15

OR

- (b) Write an application to the manager of a bank applying for the post of cashier.