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West Bengal State University

B.A./B.Sc./B.Com (Honours, Major, General) Examinations, 2015

PART - I

ENGLISH — GENERAL

Paper - I

(New & Old Syllabus)

Duration : 3 Hours]

[Full 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 x 15 = 60

- a) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'The World is too much with Us' by William Wordsworth.
- b) Discuss how Shelley depicts the West Wind as a revolutionary force.
- c) Write a critical note on the images of nature as used by Keats in 'Ode to a Nightingale'.
- d) Bring out the contrast between Ulysses and Telemachus in Tennyson's 'Ulysses'.
- e) How does Browning portray the complexity of love in the poem "Porphyria's Lover" ?
- f) Discuss the significance of the title of the poem 'In Time of The Breaking of Nations' by Thomas Hardy.

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- g) The Sea of Faith
Was once, too, at the full, and
round earth's shore
Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furled.
— Identify the speaker. How does he see the 'Sea of Faith' ? How does he relate faith, doubt and love in the poem ?
- h) Establish 'Strange Meeting' by Wilfred Owen as an anti-war poem.
- i) 'I hear it in the deep heart's core' — Who is referred to as 'I' ? What does the speaker hear ? Why does the speaker feel nostalgic ?
- j) Write a note on W.H. Auden's response to three paintings in the poem 'Musee des Beaux Arts'.

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

- a) Locate and annotate :
Like the bright hair uplifted from the head of some fierce Macquod, ...
- b) Explain with reference to the context :
Away ! away ! for I will fly to thee,
Not charioted by Bacchus and his pards,
But on the viewless wings of Poesy, ...
- c) "And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and fight,
Where ignorant armies clash by night."
— Who are 'we' ? What 'alarms' are heard ? Why is the army confused ?
- d) Explain with reference to the context :
"Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'
Gleams that untravell'd world ..."
- e) Locate and annotate :
"Yet this will go onward the same
Though Dynasties pass."

f) Explain with reference to the context :

"I will arise and go now, for
 always night and day
 I hear lake water lapping with low
 sounds by the shore ;

Group – B

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

- a) Man proposes, god disposes.
- b) Ten thousand dancing in the breeze.
- c) Puffs, Powders, Patches, Bibles, Billet-doux.
- d) Thou still unravished bride of quietness.
- e) The mild-eyed melancholy Lotos-eaters came.
- f) Life is short, art long.
- g) Behold her, single in the field.
- h) Why angels call'd and angel-like ador'd ?
- i) Better to reign in Hell, than serve in Heaven.
- j) It is a tale told by an idiot.

4. a) Write a letter to your local councillor complaining about the problem of eve-teasing in your locality. 15

OR

b) Write an application to the manager of a bank requesting him/her to open a savings account for you in the bank.