



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. General PART-I Examinations, 2016

ENGLISH-GENERAL

PAPER-ENGG-I

NEW AND OLD SYLLABUS

Time Allotted: 3 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.

New Syllabus

Group-A

1. Answer any *four* questions within 500 words each: 15×4 = 60
- (a) Discuss Wordsworth's presentation of the relation between man and nature with close reference to the poem, 'Education of Nature'.
- (b) Attempt a critical appreciation of Shelley's poem. 'Ode to the West Wind'.
- (c) What is an ode? Make an estimate of Keat's 'Ode to a Nightingale' as an ode.
- (d) Discuss Tennyson's presentation of the character of Ulysses in his poem, 'Ulysses'.
- (e) Describe the characters of Porphyria and her lover in Browning's poem, 'Porphyria's Lover'.

- (f) Discuss the central idea of Hardy's poem, 'In Time of the Breaking of Nations' with relation to the three images of country life.
- (g) Give the substance of the poem 'Dover Beach' by Mathew Arnold.
- (h) In what way does Owen portray death in 'Strange Meeting'?
- (i) Discuss the powerful thoughts and feelings expressed by Yeats in 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree'.
- (j) Discuss the aptness of the title of Auden's poem, 'Musee des Beaux Arts'.

2. Answer any *three* questions within 200 words each:

5×3 = 15

- (a) Locate the source of the following line and explain it:

We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!.

- (b) Fade far away, dissolve, and quite forget.

What thou among the leaves hast never known.

– Explain with reference to the context.

- (c) O thou.

Who chariotest to their dark wintry bed

The winged seeds, where they lie cold and low.

–Who is 'thou'? Explain 'wintry bed'.

- (d) Locate the source of the following line and explain the thought:

War's annals will fade into night

Ere their story die.

- (e) I am the enemy you killed, my friend,

I knew you in this dark;

– Locate the lines and explain the apparent contradiction in the meaning.

- (f) 'In Breughel Icarus, for instance:'

– Who is Breughel? Explain the reference to Icarus.

Group-B

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

- (a) The whole sky burned with fury.
- (b) Life is a tale/ Told by an idiot.
- (c) How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child.
- (d) But Patience to prevent/ That murmur, soon replies.....
- (e) Pride goes forth on horseback, grand and gay.
- (f) Death! Where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory?
- (g) His honour rooted in dishonor stood.
- (h) Many are called, but few are chosen.
- (i) You have travelled a weary way.
- (j) What prodigal portion have I spent that I should come to such penury?

4. (a) Write a letter to the Officer-in-charge of your local police station complaining of the deteriorating law and order situation in your locality. 15

OR

(b) Write a letter to the Librarian of your college informing him of the loss of a book which you had borrowed. 15