

**West Bengal State University**  
**B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. ( Honours, Major, General ) Examinations, 2012**  
**PART-III**

**ENGLISH — General**  
**Paper-IV**

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.*

1. Answer any *one* of the following questions 16
  - a) Describe how the details of religious faith and belief have been used by Raja Rao to create a spiritual backdrop to his short story *The Cow of the Barricades*.
  - b) Examine the character of Dasi as you find in the story *Dasi the Bridegroom* by R. K. Narayan.
  - c) Comment on the appropriateness of the title of the story *Duty*.
  
2. Explain any *one* of the following passages and add a critical comment on it 9
  - a) Eternity lay in my moment of waiting for the answer. A moment, yet an epitome, a condensation of all that had happened.
  - b) Therefore it is said, 'The Mahatma may be all wrong about politics, but he is right about the fulness of love in all creatures — the speechful and the mute.'
  - c) And, grinding a half-expressed curse between his teeth, he struck him with his stave hard, hard, harder...

3. Answer any *one* of the following questions 16
- a) Comment on the tragic tale of Sita as told in Toru Dutt's poem *Sita*.
  - b) What is A. K. Ramanujan's attitude to journalists and poets in *A River* ?
  - c) What idea of the character of the speaker do you get in Nissim Ezekiel's *Good Bye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S.* ?
4. Explain any *one* of the following and add a critical comment on it 9
- a) Of what concern to me is a vanished Empire ?  
Or the conquest of my ancestor's timeless ennui ?
  - b) Ask memory. She shall help my stammering muse.
  - c) I am sinner,  
I am saint.  
I am the beloved and the Betrayed.
5. Write a dialogue on any *one* of the following using not more than 250 words : 10
- a) Between a mother and a daughter on the ill effects of consumerism in recent times.
  - b) Between two friends on the rise of violence among the youth.
6. Complete the following story not exceeding 250 words : 15
- a) Amit woke up in the wee hours of the morning hearing screams ... there was a fire in the *bustee* where he lived ... he rushed to raise an alarm ...
- OR
- b) It was a dark and stormy night ...  
The thunder rattled the windows ...  
Sabana sat quietly on the edge of the couch ...  
Fright swept over her ...

7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles or prepositions 5
- Man, thou art ..... wonderful animal.
  - The convict appealed ..... mercy.
  - He promised to look ..... the matter.
  - I wanted to pay her Rs. 50 ..... hour.
  - She is hiding ..... the desk.
8. Change the italicized words in the following sentences according to instructions 4
- The man is *honest* and *kind*. ( Replace with antonyms )
  - The aged caretaker took us to the *abandoned* cottage. ( Replace with synonym )
9. Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions 6
- They knew that the house was ..... build almost a century ago.  
( Use the appropriate form of the verb ).
  - The enemies *gave in* at last. ( Replace the italicized phrasal verb with a single word )
  - Rewrite the story. ( Change the voice )
  - I haven't got none. ( Correct the sentence )
  - I was annoyed. I kept quiet. ( Join the sentences )
  - Be generous to the poor. ( Use the noun form of 'generous' )
10. Check the proof of the following text using necessary proof reading signs 10
- The Value of mans life is mesured notby The number of year he has lived. But by the numbr of good deeds he has done. A man may live a longer life without any noble task for the good of world. but such life is use less, and such a man is forgotn as sn as he die.