

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

ENGLISH – GENERAL
PAPER – IV

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.

1. Answer any *one* question : 1 × 16 = 16
 - a) Comment on Raja Rao's portrayal of Indian life and culture in "The Cow of the Barricades". 16
 - b) Discuss how Mulk Raj Anand describes the pride, pretension and predicament of the life of a Policeman in his story "Duty". 16
 - c) Examine R. K. Narayan's use of humour and pathos in the story "Dasi the Bridegroom." 16
2. Explain any *one* of the following passages and add a critical comment on it : 1 × 9 = 9
 - a) But his soul revolted against the memory of the slap he had received in the face.
 - b) With each drop of my heart's blood, with each nerve and cell and sinew I prayed for madness.
 - c) The Mahatma may be all wrong about politics, but he is right about the fullness of love in all creatures — the speechful and the mute.
3. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 1 × 16 = 16
 - a) Bring out the autobiographical elements in Toru Dutt's poem "Sita".
 - b) Comment on Ezekiel's use of language to communicate Indianness in "Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T. S.".
 - c) What is the central idea of Ramanujan's "A River" ? How does the poet communicate it through images and symbols ?
4. Explain any *one* of the following and add a critical comment on it : 1 × 9 = 9
 - a) The flowers look loveliest in their native soil
Amid their kindred branches; plucked, they fade,
And lose the colours Nature on them laid...

- b) It is time to
choose a name, a role.
- c) A quietness of bramble and grass held me to a weed
Will it matter if I know who the victims were, who survived ?
5. Write a dialogue on any *one* of the following using not more than 250 words 1 × 10 = 10
- a). Between two friends on the expanding modes of communication available to the present generation.
- b) Between father and son on the topic of the latter's intention to join student politics.
6. Complete the following story not exceeding 250 words : 15
- a) Mr. Roy had always thought he knew everything about his son ...
Came home early one evening ...
the front door was open ...
- OR
- b) Kamal heard his name being announced ...
he had waited for this moment all his life ...
but it was not at all easy ...
7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles or prepositions 5 × 1 = 5
- a) Anil is Einstein of our class.
- b) The child preferred juice milk.
- c) He is good Mathematics.
- d) We laughed the way she was dressed.
- e) We stayed at lonely hotel by the sea beach.
8. Change the italicized words in the following sentences according to instructions 2 × 2 = 4
- a) A *careful* man is *prudent* with his money. (Replace with *Synonyms*)
- b) The *old* house contains *antique* furniture. (Replace with *Antonyms*)
9. Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions : 6 × 1 = 6
- a) As he arrived we gave him a welcome. (Change into a *simple sentence*)
- b) Rewrite the story. (Change the Voice)
- c) He went to the window. He looked out. He saw nobody. (Join the sentences)
- d) Seeing the police the thief *took to his heels*. (Give another word for the italicized phrase)
- e) "Don't make me go to school today, Dad." (Change into *Indirect speech*)
- f) The child slept on the bed. (Fill in with an appropriate adverb)

Detach this sheet after answering and attach it with main answer-book.

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10. Check the proof of the following text using necessary proof reading signs : 10

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