



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. General Part-II Examination, 2020

ENGLISH

PAPER: ENGG-II

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

GROUP-A

1. Answer any **one** question from the following within 500 words: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Examine *David Copperfield* as a Victorian social novel.
 - (b) Discuss the narrative technique of *David Copperfield*.
 - (c) Justify the appropriateness of the title, 'The Prussian Officer'.
 - (d) H.E. Bates' short story, 'The Ox' revolves around the pains and sufferings of Mrs. Thurlow. Do you agree?
 - (e) Comment on the use of symbols in Katherine Mansfield's short story, 'The Fly'.
 - (f) Examine the role of the narrator in Maugham's short story, 'The Lotus Eater'.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any **one** question from the following within 400 words: 10×1 = 10
- (a) Discuss Lamb's 'Dream Children: A Reverie' as an autobiographical essay.
 - (b) Examine Addison as an essayist with reference to 'The Spectator'.
 - (c) Comment on the central theme of Orwell's 'Shooting an Elephant'.
 - (d) Analyse 'Of Travel' as Bacon's exploration of knowledge on the art of travelling.

GROUP-C

3. Explain any **one** question from the following within 200 words with reference to the context: 5×1 = 5
- (a) Only a quiver in his eyelids showed that he heard.
 - (b) He could now walk almost without pain: at the start, he had determined not to limp.
 - (c) Perhaps he died of the beauty of the sight.
 - (d) Her relationship to it was that of a beast to a cart.
 - (e) Travel in the younger sort is a part of education, in the elder a part of experience.

- (f) He wears a mask and his face grows to fit it.
- (g) I found myself quietly seated in my bachelor armchair, where I had fallen asleep, with the faithful Bridget unchanged by my side – but John L –(or James Elia) was gone forever.
- (h) Let, Diaries, therefore, be brought in use.

GROUP-D

- 4. Write short notes on any *two* of the following within 100 words each: 5×2 = 10
Epistolary novel, Theme, Plot, Realism, Point of view, Omniscient narrator, Gothic novel, Bildungsroman.

- 5. Write a short story in about 500 words beginning with the following words: 10×1 = 10
Suddenly it started to rain. She ran and took shelter in the ruins of the old temple.

N.B. : *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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