



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 2nd Semester Examination, 2023

ENGACOR03T-ENGLISH (CC3)

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.*

NOTE: Long Question and Reference to the Context (RTC) cannot be attempted from the same text.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any **two** from the following questions in about 400 words each: 10×2 = 20
 - (a) Analyse A. K. Ramanujan's 'Still Another View of Grace' as a love poem in the context of a conservative society.
 - (b) Critically comment on the imagery in Jayanta Mahapatra's poem 'Hunger'.
 - (c) Discuss Derozio's poem 'Freedom to the Slave' in light of the epigraph "As the slave departs, the man returns".
 - (d) Assess Madhusudan Dutt's poem 'I stood in Solitude'.

2. Explain any **one** of the following with reference to the context in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5
 - (a) — Such as when rapt Delian maid
In voiceless adoration saw him rise —
God of the Silver bow and deathless lyre!
 - (b) Why not let me speak in
Any language I like? The language I speak
Becomes mine, its distortions, its queernesses
All mine, mine alone.
 - (c) My mother only said
Thank God the scorpion picked on me
And spared my children.

GROUP-B

3. Answer any **one** from the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Comment on the appropriateness of the title of R. K. Narayan's novel *The Guide*.
 - (b) Examine R. K. Narayan's art of plot construction in his novel 'The Guide'.

4. Answer any **two** from the following questions in about 250 words each: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) Comment on the ending of the short story 'The Free Radio'.
 - (b) Write a note on the symbolic significance of the room the husband hires for the honeymoon in 'The Intrusion'.
 - (c) Comment on the moral of the story 'Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright'.

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