WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2023

ENGACOR10T-ENGLISH (CC10)

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 questions and (RTC)/short questions cannot be attempted from the same text.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any *one* question from the following in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15

    (a) Do you think Ulysses and Telemachus represent two distinct philosophies of life? Substantiate with close reference to Tennyson's 'Ulysses'.

    (b) 'Dover Beach' is a criticism of Arnold's contemporary time — Discuss.

    (c) Critically evaluate Browning's 'My Last Duchess' as a dramatic monologue.

2. Explain, with reference to the context, any *one* of the following in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5

    (a) The sea of faith
    Was once, too, at the full, and round earth's shore
    Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furled.

    (b) Notice Neptune, though,
    Taming a sea-horse, thought a rarity,
    Which Claus of Innsbruck cast in bronze for me.

    (c) One hauls a basket,
    One bears a plate,
    One lugs a golden dish
    Of many pounds weight.

GROUP-B

3. Answer any *one* of the following in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15

    (a) Comment on Austen's treatment of the theme of money and marriage in the novel *Pride and Prejudice*.

    (b) Discuss the significance of the title of Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

    (c) Critically analyse the character of Jane in the novel *Jane Eyre*.

    (d) How important is the setting in the novel *Jane Eyre*? Answer with close reference to the text.

4. Answer any *one* of the following in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15

    (a) Consider *David Copperfield* as a bildungsroman.

    (b) Make an assessment of Dickens' portrayal of the women characters in *David Copperfield*.

    (c) Explain the fairy tale theme in Dickens' *Great Expectations*.

    (d) How does Dickens use humour and pathos in *Great Expectations*?

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