

West Bengal State University
B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. (Honours, Major, General) Examinations, 2013

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* of the following questions : 16
 - a) What is the role of Mantapam in Dasi's life ?
 - b) Comment on the representation of women in "A Moment of Eternity".
 - c) "He wanted to bear the pain like a man" — Where does this line occur ? What was the cause of the 'pain' ? Describe in your own words what happens after this incident. 5.

2. Explain any *one* of the following passages and add a critical comment on it : 9
 - a) I felt Savitri in me, Savitri who is ever in every woman. I could not be defeated, not unless I was lost, destroyed. 6.
 - b) But the red man's Government was no fool's government.
 - c) He had never seen anything like her in all his life. The vision of beauty and youth dazzled him.

3. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 16
 - a) How does the speaker portray her unique femininity in "An Introduction" ?
 - b) Critically analyse Jayanta Mahapatra's "The Abandoned British Cemetery at Balasore".
 - c) Bring out the symbolism in "A Mon Peré".

4. Explain any one of the following and add a critical comment on it : 9

a) the river has water enough

to be poetic

about only once a year

b) Miss Pushpa is coming

from very high family

Her father was renowned advocate

in Bulsar or Surat, ...

c) Not in vain

She weeps - for lo ! at every tear she sheds

Tears from three pairs of young eyes fall amain.

5. Write a dialogue on any one of the following using not more than 250 words : 10

a) Between two friends on the rise of violence against women.

b) Between two sisters on the liberty of women in the present decade of the twenty-first century.

6. Complete the following story not exceeding 250 words : 15

a) Mr. Roy was walking down the street ...

turned the corner and suddenly two

men came running ... gave him a

big red box ... ran faster

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b) Rajesh's car had broken down ...

It was dark ... raining heavily ...

His mobile phone was not working ...

He needed some shelter

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7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles or prepositions :

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- a) He is honour to his profession.
- b) This dress was not suitable me.
- c) Let us discuss matter seriously.
- d) He killed the bird a stone.
- e) I did my best the interview.

8. Change the italicized words in the following sentences according to instructions :

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- a) He is *poor* and *honest*. (Replace with antonyms)
- b) There are *plentiful* crops this year. (Replace with synonym)

9. Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions :

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- a) He rejected all our proposals.
(Rewrite the sentence using the verb form of 'proposal')
- b) He has a car. He wishes to sell it.
(Join the sentences.)
- c) This books belongs to the college library.
(Correct the sentence.)
- d) Obey your teacher. (Change the voice.)
- e) He *could not accept* the miserable condition of his life.
(Give another word for the italicized expression.)
- f) The tender bud was destroyed in the storm.
(Find the adjective in the sentence and frame a new sentence with the adjective.)

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

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Man has been called a tool-marking animal. From his earliest days he has made tools and tried to better them. His supremacy over the other animals many of them more powerful than he was, was established because of his tools.

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