



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours/Programme 1st Semester Examination, 2019



ENHGEC01T/ENGGCOR01T-ENGLISH (GE1/DSC1)

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.*

Answer any three of the following questions in about 400 words each 10×3 = 30

1. Examine the significance of the title 'Shakespeare's Sister' by Virginia Woolf.
2. Critically appreciate Eunice de Souza's poem "Marriages are Made".
3. Explain what might happen to 'a dream deferred' according to Langston Hughes in the poem 'Harlem'.
4. Justify the title of Maya Angelou's poem 'Still I Rise'.
5. Bring out the irony present in Wilfred Owen's 'Dulce et Decorum est'.
6. Why does Amitav Ghosh call his essay 'Ghosts of Mrs. Gandhi'?
7. 'Current toys are made of a graceless material', discuss after Barthes 'current toys'.
8. Describe after the poet what happens at 'Lahore Karhai'.

Answer any four of the following questions in about 200 words each 5×4= 20

9. Explain the irony in the title 'Marriages are Made'.
10. In the poem 'Harlem' what does the expression "or does it explode" imply.
11. Explain- 'I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.'
12. 'Gas! Gas! Quick boys!' — Explain with reference to the context.
13. Explain how a possible victim of the riot is saved by fellow passenger of a bus in Amitav Ghosh's essay.
14. 'Invented forms are very rare' — Explain.

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