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West Bengal State University  
B.A./B.Sc./B.Com ( Honours, Major, General ) Examinations, 2015

PART - I

ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper - I

( NEW & OLD SYLLABUS )

Duration : 4 Hours ]

[ Full 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.*

( New Syllabus )

GROUP - A

1. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 500 words : 1 × 15 = 15
  - a) Assess the contribution of Cynewulf in the field of Anglo-Saxon Christian poetry.
  - b) Assess the development of Old English prose under Aelfric and Wulfstan.
  - c) Write a critical note on the contribution of Chaucer in Middle English poetry.
2. Answer any *three* of the following questions, each in about 200 words : 3 × 5 = 15
  - a) Give a brief account of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle.
  - b) Describe the fight between Beowulf and Grendel in Heorot as found in the extract in your syllabus.

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- c) Assess the contribution of either Malory or Gower in Middle English Literature.
- d) Briefly comment on the physical appearance, profession and disposition of the Wife of Bath as revealed in the extract in your syllabus.
- e) Comment on the theme and mood of *Deor's Lament*.

GROUP - B

3. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 500 words :  $1 \times 15 = 15$
- a) Assess "One Day I Wrote Her Name" as a typical Elizabethan love lyric.
- b) Show how Shakespeare deviates from the conventional sonnet writing exercises of the period with special reference to the poems in your syllabus.
- c) How does Donne maintain the balance between spiritual and erotic love in "The Canonization" ?
4. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 500 words :  $1 \times 15 = 15$
- a) How does Burton negotiate his religiosity with the necessity of deductive reasoning in *The Anatomy of Melancholy* ? Answer with reference to the extract prescribed for you.
- b) Critically assess Bacon's ideas on death as found in his essay *On Death*.
- c) Examine Bacon's wisdom and pragmatism as revealed in his essay *Of Friendship*.
5. Answer any *two* of the following questions, each in about 200 words :  $2 \times 5 = 10$
- a) Explain the significance of the term "nature's child".
- b) Comment on the significance of the expression :  
 "... love is not love  
 Which alters when it alteration finds ..."



- c) Explain how the poet would woo his lady if he had "World enough, and Time".
- d) What is the significance of Tyndale's Bible ?
- e) Comment on the differences between the 1612 version and 1625 version of the essay 'Of Friendship'.

**GROUP - C**

6. Answer any *two* of the following questions, each in about 450 words :  $2 \times 10 = 20$
- a) Why should one go "through a list of French loan-words in English to be finally convinced of the fact that the immigrants formed the upper classes of the English society" ?
- b) Give two reasons, according to Jespersen, why the Latin influence on the English language has been a hindrance.
- c) Write short notes on the following :
- i) Back-formation
  - ii) Johnsonese.
- d) Show how the Scandinavian influence on the English language has been a democratic one.
- e) Write a note on loan-words and loan translations of words of Indian origin into Modern English.
7. Write philological notes on any *five* of the following :  $5 \times 2 = 10$
- Match-box, guru, four-twenty, military hotel, gift, die, daisy, dream, trusteeship, beautiful.