



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 5th Semester Examination, 2022-23

ENGADSE01T-ENGLISH (DSE1/2)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate marks of question.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

SECTION-I

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions within 500 words each: 10×2 = 20
- (a) Discuss the nature and significance of borrowings from French into the English Language.
- (b) Write a note on how Greek and Latin influence has shaped English Language.
- (c) Examine the nature and extent of American influence on English Language.
2. Write short notes on any *two* of the following within 250 words each: 5×2 = 10
- (a) Hybridism
- (b) Back-formation
- (c) Malapropism.

SECTION-II

3. Identify, define and explain at least five figures of speech in any *one* of the following passages: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Milton! thou shouldst be living at this hour,
England hath need of thee: she is a fen
Of stagnant waters: altar, sword, and pen,
Fireside, the heroic wealth of hall and bower,
Have forfeited their ancient English dower
Of inward happiness.
- (b) Sweet are the uses of adversity,
Which, like the toad, ugly and venomous,
Wears yet a precious jewel in his head;
And this our life, exempt from public haunt,
Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything.

4. Scan any *one* of the following passages and comment on the metrical patterns including the variations, if any: 5×1 = 5

(a) In sooth, I know not why I am so sad:
It wearies me; you say it wearies you;
But how I caught it, found it, or came by it,
What stuff 'tis made of, whereof it is born,

(b) Home they brought her warrior dead:
She nor swooned, nor uttered cry:
All her maidens, watching, said,
'She must weep or she will die.'

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