



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 5th Semester Examination, 2023-24

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) Examine the nature and significance of the Scandinavian influence on the English language.
- (b) Write a note on how French influence has shaped English language.
- (c) Examine, with suitable illustrations, the influence of Shakespeare on English language.
2. Write short notes on any *two* of the following within 250 words each: 5×2 = 10
- (a) Monosyllabism
- (b) Johnsonese
- (c) Back-formation.

SECTION-II

3. Identify, define and explain at least five figures of speech in any *one* of the 15×1 = 15 following passages:
- (a) The boast of heraldry, the pomp of pow'r,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Awaits alike th' inevitable hour.
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
- (b) Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow,
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day,
To the last syllable of recorded time;
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!

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

(a) Water, water, every where,

And all the boards did shrink;

Water, water, every where,

Nor any drop to drink.

(b) I silently laugh at my own cenotaph,

And out of the caverns of rain,

Like a child from the womb, like a ghost from the tomb,

I arise and unbuild it again.

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