



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 5th Semester Examination, 2020, held in 2021

ENGACOR12T-ENGLISH (CC12)

EARLY 20TH CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE

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.*

1. Answer any **two** questions from the following: (within 500 words each) 15×2 = 30
- (a) W.B. Yeats's poem "Sailing to Byzantium" is a poem of escape. Do you agree? Argue with reference to the text.
- (b) Discuss T.S. Eliot's "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" as a modernist dramatic monologue.
- (c) Would you consider Wilfred Owen's "Spring Offensive" as an anti-war poem? Justify.
- (d) Rupert Brooke's poem "Peace" intertwines patriotism with religiosity. Justify with close textual reference.
- (e) 'About suffering they were never wrong' — Discuss the significance of this statement with reference to the paintings that feature in Auden's poem "Musée des Beaux Arts".
2. Explain, with reference to the context, any **one** of the following: (within 200 words) 5×1 = 5
- (a) They never forgot
That even the dreadful martyrdom must run its course
- (b) O sages standing in God's holy fire
As in the gold mosaic of a wall,
Come from the holy fire, perne in a gyre,
And be the singing-masters of my soul.
- (c) No alarms
Of bugles, no high flags, no clamorous haste—
Only a lift and flare of eyes that faced
The sun, like a friend with whom their love is done.

- (d) To have squeezed the universe into a ball
To roll it towards some overwhelming question,
To say: "I am Lazarus, come from the dead,
Come back to tell you all, I shall tell you all."

3. Answer any **one** question from the following: (within 500 words) 15×1 = 15

- (a) How are the issues of race and imperialism woven into Joseph Conrad's novella *Heart of Darkness*? Discuss with reference to the text.
- (b) Critically comment on how obsession and ambition figure in the novel *Heart of Darkness*.

N.B. : *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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