



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Minor/Cor 1st Semester Examination, 2024-25

ENGMIN101T/ENGCOR101T-ENGLISH

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 **one** of the following questions within 500 words: $15 \times 1 = 15$
 - (a) What is the central theme of Langston Hughes' poem "Harlem", and how does the poet use imagery to convey this theme?
 - (b) Comment on the title of the poem "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou.

2. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 500 words: $15 \times 1 = 15$
 - (a) How does Wilfred Owen challenge the traditional glorification of war in his poem "Dulce et Decorum Est"?
 - (b) In 'The Ghosts of Mrs. Gandhi' Amitav Ghosh describes the courage of ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances. Discuss.

3. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 500 words: $15 \times 1 = 15$
 - (a) In 'At the Lahore Karhai' Imtiaz Dharker takes a critical but sympathetic look at the lives of the immigrants. Discuss.
 - (b) Comment on the significance of the title of Naomi Klein's essay, "The Brand Expands".

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 250 words: $5 \times 1 = 5$
 - (a) "Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we
cursed through sludge." — What does the comparison to "old beggars" and "hags" suggest about their condition?
 - (b) "Maybe it just sags
Like a heavy Load." — What sags and why?
 - (c) "Hauling our overloaded lives ... we're truckers of another kind". Bring out the significance of the lines in the wider context of the poem.

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