

THE UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN

B.A. Semester VI (Honours) Examination 2020 (CBCS)

Subject: English

Paper: DSE-4

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to answer in their own words
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer **any six** of the following: 5X6=30
 - a. Why does Jespersen describe the English language as masculine?
 - b. Write a note on Johnsonese with two illustrative references.
 - c. Discuss briefly two Scandinavian elements that entered the English language.
 - d. Write a note on the Great Vowel Shift.
 - e. Write a brief note on back-formation.
 - f. Briefly comment on one advantage and one disadvantage of the Latin influence on the English language.
 - g. Write a short note on two ways in which the Bible has influenced the English language.
 - h. Write a brief note on the impact of Norman-French ecclesiastical words on English.

 2. Answer **any three** of the following: 10X3=30
 - a. Write an essay on Shakespeare's contribution to the enrichment of the English language.
 - b. Demonstrate with suitable references some of the fundamental features of Indian English.
 - c. Explain T S Eliot's idea of 'tradition' from your reading of the essay 'Tradition and the Individual Talent'.
 - d. Discuss after Alexander Pope the idea of 'imitation'.
 - e. Explain how Samuel Taylor Coleridge distinguishes between 'primary' and 'secondary' imagination.
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