



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
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ENGLCOR01T-ENGLISH (LCC1)

NEW AND OLD SYLLABUS

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.*

NEW SYLLABUS

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

2×25= 50

1. The poem *Where the mind is without fear* speaks of
(A) a promised geographical land (B) a heaven of freedom
(C) a land of rivers and deserts (D) a land of fratricide
2. '.....narrow domestic walls' suggest
(A) walls that are narrow
(B) walls have ears
(C) boundaries of race, caste, religion even nations
(D) walls for domestic animals
3. The 'clear stream of reason' should
(A) not give in to the outdated customs and superstitions
(B) not rush in where angels fear to tread
(C) not dirty the water
(D) not try to change the course of the river
4. The 'mind is led forward by'
(A) my father (B) Tagore himself (C) King George V (D) God
5. The poet anchorite suggested in the poem *Sita* is
(A) Vyasa (B) Bharata (C) Valmiki (D) Tagore
6. The story of *Sita* is told by
(A) Toru Dutt to her siblings (B) a mother to her children
(C) a singer to the audience (D) the birds to the flowers

7. Another word for 'gaze' is
(A) stare (B) stair (C) steer (D) scare
8. The word 'gigantic' originates from
(A) gigabyte (B) Lady Gaga (C) giant (D) godzilla
9. *The Felling of the Banyan Tree* is about
(A) slaughter of a banyan tree (B) uprooting of a culture and relocation
(C) sacredness of the tree (D) the tenants who are displaced
10. The banyan tree posed a problem because
(A) cutting it down was an expensive affair
(B) grandmother was dead against it
(C) it required fifty men to hack it down
(D) its roots were deeper than all the lives there put together
11. The most striking difference between Baroda and Bombay was that
(A) Bombay had no trees
(B) Baroda was full of neem and banyan trees
(C) there were no sheoga or oudumber trees in Bombay
(D) trees only grew in the mind
12. The opposite of 'build' is
(A) pay (B) bleed (C) demolish (D) paint
13. Aerial roots mean
(A) tree roots drooping down to earth (B) removal of roots in the area
(C) antenna of the television (D) rootedness
14. Premchand was the pen name of
(A) Dhanpat Rai Srivastava (B) Mulk Raj Anand
(C) Ruskin Bond (D) Dilip Chitre
15. Gangi did not know that boiling the water would
(A) reduce the water (B) make it safe for drinking
(C) harm Jokhu (D) anger the Thakur
16. If Gangi tried to get water from the Thakur's well
(A) she would be blessed by the Brahmin
(B) she would have to pay money for it
(C) her hands and legs would be broken for sure
(D) the other women would take pity on her
17. The stealing of water from the well is compared to the stealing of
(A) food (B) gold (C) lota (D) amrita

18. We know that Panditji was a crooked man because
(A) his house was a gamblers' den (B) he adulterated ghee with oil
(C) he made the women work as bondswomen (D) he regularly performed yoga
19. Dr. Raman and Gopal had known each other for
(A) twelve years (B) sometime (C) many years (D) forty years
20. On seeing his dying friend, Dr. Raman needed
(A) a doctor (B) to tell the truth
(C) someone to tell him soothing lies (D) to speak to Gopal's wife
21. The adjectival form of the infinitive 'to judge' is
(A) judge (B) judgemental (C) judgement (D) judging
22. A suitable synonym of 'classic' is
(A) colossal (B) old (C) archetypal (D) fanciful
23. The late summer season in the short story, *The Photograph* has been described
(A) with sunflowers in the garden and warm wind in the trees
(B) with grandfather returning home
(C) with rain and storm
(D) with love in the air
24. The things not found in the photograph were
(A) grandfather and his brother
(B) grandmother and son
(C) the spring day and the cool breeze blowing
(D) the flowers and the creepers
25. The opposite of 'noise' is
(A) rest (B) quest (C) poise (D) silence

OLD SYLLABUS

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

1×50 = 50

1. *The Cop and the Anthem* is written by....
(A) Charles Dickens (B) William Wordsworth
(C) O. Henry (D) William Shakespeare
2. What is Blackwell's Island in *The Cop and the Anthem*?
(A) A Hospital (B) A Morgue (C) A Prison (D) A Poor House
3. What did Soapy do at the shop?
(A) He shattered its glass. (B) He stole things from it.
(C) He tried to guard it. (D) None of these

4. What is the meaning of the word *cop*?
(A) Policeman (B) Doctor (C) Soldier (D) Shopkeeper
5. What did Soapy hear as he stood near his childhood home?
(A) A curse (B) The sound of sweet music
(C) Someone sneezing (D) Some children playing
6. What was Soapy's final penal sentence?
(A) Bonded labour (B) Freedom with a fine
(C) Three months' prison sentence (D) None of these
7. What is Soapy's final destination in *The Cop and the Anthem*?
(A) Blackwell's Island (B) Madison Square
(C) A restaurant (D) Heaven
8. Which part of speech is *restlessly*?
(A) Noun (B) Pronoun (C) Verb (D) Adverb
9. What is the meaning of the word *craved*?
(A) Yearned for (B) Rejoiced (C) Loved (D) Hated
10. What is the noun form of *philanthropy*?
(A) Philanthropize (B) Philanderer (C) Philately (D) Philanthropist
11. *London* is written by....
(A) William Wordsworth (B) W.B. Yeats
(C) William Blake (D) William Black
12. Name the river mentioned in *London*.
(A) Ganges (B) Volga (C) Rhine (D) Thames
13. What does the expression "mind-forged manacles" mean?
(A) People are mentally confined (B) People are mentally drained
(C) People are mentally rejuvenated (D) None of these
14. What, among the following can be described as the dominant theme of *London*?
(A) Love (B) Adventure (C) Courage (D) Misery
15. How many Stanzas are there in *London*?
(A) Three (B) Four (C) Five (D) Six
16. The meaning of "chartered" in the context of the poem is
(A) rented (B) registered and controlled
(C) allowed (D) none of these

17. What is the meaning of the word "hearse" in *London*?
(A) A carriage for the dead (B) A carriage for wedding
(C) Marriage car (D) A police van
18. What is the noun form of *weak*?
(A) Weakening (B) Week (C) Weekday (D) Weakness
19. What runs down the palace walls in *London*?
(A) Water (B) Oil (C) Blood (D) None of these
20. What is the adjective form of *ban*?
(A) Banning (B) Ban (C) Bun (D) Banned
21. The poem, *Death be not Proud* was written by
(A) John Donne (B) Dan Brown
(C) Rabindranath Tagore (D) P. B. Shelley
22. According to the poet of *Death be not Proud*, Death shall die when
(A) we go on a holiday (B) God gets angry
(C) Satan fights against God (D) one short sleep past, we wake eternally
23. Death is a slave to
(A) wealth (B) fate, chance, kings and desperate men
(C) love (D) beautiful women
24. The poet says that some people consider Death to be
(A) weak and tired (B) weak and proud
(C) mighty and dreadful (D) happy and excited
25. The antonym of Death is
(A) sleep (B) life (C) joy (D) woe
26. *Eternally* means
(A) forever (B) now (C) past (D) timely
27. Geese is the plural of
(A) grouse (B) goose (C) grass (D) gross
28. The adjective of winter is
(A) wintry (B) wintered (C) winter (D) wintery
29. The noun form of *proud* is
(A) kindly (B) pride (C) nervous (D) jealous
30. The antonym of *pleasure* is
(A) dishonesty (B) rudeness (C) politeness (D) pain

31. The antonym of *expensive* is
(A) costly (B) cheap (C) stolen (D) bought
32. The noun form of *strong* is
(A) strongly (B) strength (C) strung (D) strongness
33. Another word for *wrathfully* is
(A) happily (B) cheerfully (C) angrily (D) doubtfully
34. The verb form of *picture* is
(A) painting (B) picturise (C) pretty (D) imperfect
35. *To a Daughter Leaving Home* was written by
(A) Maya Angelou (B) Judith Butler (C) Alice Walker (D) Linda Pastan
36. The age of the daughter when she was taught to ride was
(A) nine (B) nineteen (C) eight (D) eighteen
37. The child grew smaller, more breakable because
(A) the child managed to swim
(B) the distance between the parent and the child was ever increasing
(C) the child was lost
(D) the bicycle was fragile
38. The child was screaming with laughter because
(A) she had finally learnt to ride the bicycle
(B) she was being tickled by her mother
(C) she could ride the bicycle without parental assistance
(D) both (A) and (C)
39. The hair of the girl was flapping like
(A) a handkerchief (B) the wings of the bird
(C) a dusting cloth (D) an aeroplane's wings
40. The flapping of the little girl's hair looked as though
(A) she had just straightened her hair (B) she was waving goodbye
(C) she had won the race (D) she had a veil on her head
41. In *Death penalty as a sign of the times?* Desai considers Memon's hanging a troubling sign because
(A) people took pleasure in the hanging (B) death penalty was still a practice
(C) death penalty is the only option (D) both (A) and (B)

42. Machismo is
(A) cowardice (B) generosity
(C) ego (D) aggressive male pride
43. According to Desai, Terrorism markets
(A) freedom (B) patriotism (C) fear (D) anti nationalism
44. Another word for deterrent is
(A) detergent (B) obstacle (C) determine (D) define
45. In the story, The Monkey's Paw, Mr. White and his son were playing
(A) chess (B) scrabble (C) table tennis (D) patience
46. The name of Mr. White's friend was
(A) Mr. Williams (B) Sergeant-Major Morris
(C) Mr. Johnson (D) Mr. Selkirk
47. The magic spell on the monkey's paw was put by
(A) God (B) a magician (C) an Indian fakir (D) a money lender
48. How many wishes could the monkey's paw fulfil?
(A) Three wishes each for three persons (B) Two wishes
(C) One wish for one person (D) Three wishes in all
49. The first wish of the White family was
(A) to go on a long vacation (B) to get a new house
(C) to get two hundred pounds (D) to get another paw
50. Herbert died
(A) in a road accident (B) by being caught in the machinery
(C) by falling off the roof of his office (D) by committing suicide

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