

THE UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN
B.A. Semester III (General) Examination 2020 (CBCS)

Subject: English

Paper: L1-2

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer **any six** of the following questions: 5x6=30

- a. What are the different functions of language?
- b. Discuss briefly the chief characteristic features of irony with examples.
- c. Write a short note on shift of register.
- d. How is homonymy different from polysemy?
- e. Comment on the difference between ambiguity and vagueness.
- f. Define and exemplify metaphor and metonymy.
- g. Write a short note on the function of figurative language.
- h. Find the ambiguities in the following sentences and identify the types.

i. Time flies.

ii. He fed her dog food.

2. Answer **any three** of the following questions. 10x3=30

- a. What is meant by banality? Explain with suitable examples.
 - b. Attempt a critical essay on the role of language as a means of expressing emotions.
 - c. Briefly discuss the features of plain language.
 - d. Write a dialogue between two friends on the increasing prices of essential commodities.
 - e. Write a letter to your friend stating your future plan after the completion of your graduation.
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