

2022**M.A.****2nd Semester Examination (CCAЕ)****ENGLISH****PAPER—ENG-204****LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS***Full Marks : 50**Time : 2 Hours**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 *two* questions. 2×8

- (a) What are the active and passive articulators involved in the production of Bilabial sounds?
- (b) Write a phonemic transcription of the following passage:

(Turn Over)

All things bright and beautiful
All things wise and wonderful
All things great and small
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colors
And made their tiny wings.

- (c) Discuss any two parts of speech with examples.
- (d) Write a business letter to M.K. Electronics, 71 Bidhan Sarani, Shyambazar, Kolkata-4, requesting the repair or replacement of the Sony TV set which you had bought from them only two months ago.

2. Comment on any *four* questions. 4×4

- (a) Write a short essay on the 'vocal cords' as an organ of speech.

(b) Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb:

- i. Rahim along with his friends - (is/are) enjoying the match.
- ii. Either Sinjini or her rivals - (is/are) going to win.
- iii. It has been - (rain/rains/raining) since morning.
- iv. Each of the students - (sing/sings/singing) a song.

(c) Mark the primary stress in the following words:

Conduct(verb), photograph(noun), apple-tree(noun), everyone(noun)

(d) Identify the Parts of Speech of the underlined words:

- i. Sarah bought a beautiful coat.

- ii. Freedom is something we treasure.
- iii. Alex grows tomatoes in his garden.
- iv. They were talking loudly about a school project.

(e) Divide the following words into Syllables:

- i. Calculate
- ii. Responsibility
- iii. Destiny
- iv. Juvenile.

(f) Write a summary of the following passage :

The saving of certain wild animals from extinction has for many years been a problem for zoologists and other specialists, but more recently the problem has been so acute, and has received so much publicity, that most

people are now concerned about it. This may at first seem strange because one of the most satisfying developments of the last few years has been the passing of strict laws to protect wild animals and the consequent decline in the hunting of big game for sport. Why is it, then that some rare wild animals are still threatened with extinction and even some of the less rare ones are rapidly declining in number? It is because of the march of civilization. It is sad to reflect that civilization which can bring so many benefits to people also brings facilities for the heartless criminals who, for material gain, will slaughter some harmless animals and then threaten the disappearance of its kind from Earth forever.

3. Answer any *four* questions.

4×2

(a) Mention the semi vowels.

(b) Define 'Stress'.

(c) Define 'Intonation'.

- (d) What is a thesaurus?
- (e) Arrange the following words in the way they would appear in a dictionary.
- a. Monk, apple, appear, strange, praise, none, seek, straight.
- (f) What is meant by 'Skimming of Texts'?

[Internal Assessment - 10 Marks]

(c) According to T.S. Eliot, "Hamlet (the man) is dominated by an emotion which is inexpressible, because it is in excess of the facts as they appear." Do you agree? Substantiate your answer.

(d) What, according to Charles Lamb, are the fundamental problems of staging Shakespeare's tragedies? Discuss briefly with a special focus on Lamb's contribution as a critic of Shakespeare.

2. Comment on any four questions.

4×4

(a) Any two of Shakespeare's theatrical experiments.

(b) Coleridge's comment on Iago as an embodiment of "motiveless malignity"

(c) Lamb's observations on the Storm Scenes in *King Lear*.