

Vidyasagar Mahavidyalaya

B.A. Internal, Tutorial and Theoretical Examination 2020

English General

Semester IV

Paper- CC4/GE4, Academic Writing

Full Marks- 10+8+8 , Date - , Time-

Answer the following questions

Part A – Internal 10

1. Write a summary and critical appreciation of the following poem 5+5

My country! In thy days of glory past
A beauteous halo circled round thy brow
and worshipped as a deity thou wast—
Where is thy glory, where the reverence now?
Thy eagle pinion is chained down at last,
And grovelling in the lowly dust art thou,
Thy minstrel hath no wreath to weave for thee
Save the sad story of thy misery!
Well—let me dive into the depths of time
And bring from out the ages, that have rolled
A few small fragments of these wrecks sublime
Which human eye may never more behold
And let the guerdon of my labour be,
My fallen country! One kind wish for thee!

Part B - Tutorial

1. Write a summary/substance with a critical note of the following paragraph
4+4=8

In a spell of dry weather, when the Birds could find very little to drink, a thirsty Crow found a pitcher with a little water in it. But the pitcher was high and had a narrow neck, and no matter how he tried, the Crow could not reach the water. The poor thing felt as if he must die of thirst.

Then an idea came to him. Picking up some small pebbles, he dropped them into the pitcher one by one. With each pebble the water rose a little higher until at last it was near enough so he could drink.

Part C - Theoretical

1. Write two short essays out of the following topics (very short) 4x2

a. Women and empowerment

b. Influence of social media

c. Literature versus science

d. Student politics