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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Programme 6th Semester Examination, 2023

GE1-P2-ENGLISH

SELECTIONS FROM EUROPEAN LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions: 10×2 = 20

(a) Attempt a critical appreciation of Sonnet no. 65 by Shakespeare.

OR

(b) Analyse Shakespeare's depiction of time as a destroyer with reference to any one sonnet on your syllabus.

(c) Consider Wordsworth as a poet of nature with reference to the Lucy Poems.

OR

(d) Critically appreciate Wordsworth's "Three years she grew in sun and shower".

(e) Consider W. H. Auden's "The Unknown Citizen" as a satire on the modern welfare state.

OR

(f) How does Auden describe nature and humans in "Autumn Song"?

GROUP-B

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions: 10×2 = 20

(a) Comment on the appropriateness of the title of Woolf's short story, "The Duchess and the Jeweller".

OR

(b) Analyse the character of the duchess in Woolf's short story.

(c) Examine the nature of colonial violence as depicted in Orwell's "Shooting an Elephant".

OR

(d) How does Orwell describe the death of the elephant in "Shooting an Elephant"?

(e) Discuss the character of Gip in "The Magic Shop".

OR

(f) Bring out the significance of the title, "The Magic Shop".

(g) Analyse the climax of Munro's short story, "The Open Window".

OR

(h) Discuss the character of Framton Nuttel in "The Open Window".

GROUP-C

3. Answer any *one* of the following questions:

10×1 = 10

(a) Critically comment on the character of Malvolio in *Twelfth Night*.

OR

(b) Bring out the dramatic significance of the "Trap Scene" (Act III, Scene V) in *Twelfth Night*.

(c) Analyse the character of Lady Macbeth.

OR

(d) Discuss the Sleepwalking Scene (Act V, Scene I) in *Macbeth*.

GROUP-D

4. Answer any *two* of the following questions:

5×2 = 10

(a) "So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee."

— Explain the significance of the lines.

(b) How does Wordsworth describe the field of daffodils?

(c) Give one example of Shakespeare's use of imagery from nature in any sonnet on your syllabus.

(d) What does the title of Auden's poem, "The Unknown Citizen", signify?

(e) Why does Viola disguise herself as a man, Cesario, in *Twelfth Night*?

(f) What happens to Macbeth at the end of the tragedy?

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SEC2-P2-ENGLISH

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GROUP-A

BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

1. Answer any *one* question from the following: 12×1 = 12
 - (a) What are the main barriers to effective business communication?
 - (b) Explain the various dimensions of business communication.
 - (c) What is communication? Discuss the role of technology in business communication.

2. Answer any *six* questions from the following: 8×6 = 48
 - (a) Write short notes on the following:
 - (i) Bibliography
 - (ii) End notes and footnotes.
 - (b) How can the library be used as a research tool?
 - (c) What are the steps that need to be followed to write a project report?
 - (d) As a student volunteer, write a report on a project carried out by your department to clean up the college campus.
 - (e) What are the main components of a field work report?
 - (f) Imagine yourself to be a government surveyor and write a report on your visit to a remote village to find out if the residents have access to drinking water.
 - (g) What information must be included when summarising the annual report of a company?
 - (h) As the managing director of a private hospital, summarise the annual report of the facility for the year 2022-2023.
 - (i) Define minutes of a meeting. What should the minutes of a meeting include?

- (j) Draft the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of ABC Company where the following matters were discussed:
- Growth of the company after the pandemic
 - Annual bonus to be given to employees for the financial year 2022-2023
 - Guidelines for new recruitments.
- (k) As the student-convenor of the Film Club of your college, write an e-mail to the Principal asking for permission to organise a screening of a documentary film on the campus.
- (l) What are the basic elements of effective e-correspondence?

GROUP-B

TECHNICAL WRITING

1. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 10×4 = 40
- How are speech and writing different?
 - Analyse the role of language and information in effective communication.
 - What is the purpose of a thesis statement?
 - Discuss the differences between descriptive and argumentative writing.
 - Write a report for your college magazine about the annual cultural programme held on the campus.
 - Write an informal letter to your friend describing an interesting recent incident in your neighbourhood.
 - Apply to the post of assistant librarian in the local library by writing a letter to the Chief Librarian.
2. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 5×4 = 20
- Write a brief note on expository writing.
 - Discuss one difference between formal and informal writings.
 - What do you mean by communication? Answer in brief.
 - Why is linguistic unity in writing important?
 - Write the agenda of a meeting of the NSS unit of your college where the following things are to be discussed:
 - New appointment of programme officer
 - Plans for a special camp
 - Call for new student volunteers.
 - As the principal of your college, write a notice asking all students to participate in a cultural programme celebrating national unity on Independence Day.
 - Briefly discuss two common errors to be avoided in technical writing.
 - Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper asking him to publish an article on International Womens' Day.

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GROUP-C

PARTITION LITERATURE

1. Answer any *four* questions from the following: 10×4 = 40
- Comment on the portrayal of women in *Ice-Candy Man*.
 - Examine the theme of dislocation and a sense of loss in *Ice-Candy Man*.
 - Critically comment on the character of Alam in Dibyendu Palit's "Alam's Own House".
 - Discuss the appropriateness of the title of *Train to Pakistan*.
 - Do you think Juggut Singh redeems himself at the end of *Train to Pakistan*? Argue your answer.
 - Examine the portrayal of communal violence in Bhisham Sahni's *Tamas*.
2. Answer any *four* questions from the following: 5×4 = 20
- Why does Zaitoon marry Sakhi, but eventually runs away from his home in *Ice-Candy Man*?
 - What are Sidhwa's observations on Nehru in the *Ice-Candy Man*?
 - What was Dr. Gupta's proposal to Alam's father?
 - Comment on the ending of "Alam's Own House".
 - Describe the fictional village of Mano Majra as depicted in the beginning of the novel *Train to Pakistan*.
 - How do Hukum Chand and the Sub-Inspector try to save the Muslims of Mano Majra?
 - Comment on the importance of the pig-slaughter episode in *Tamas*.
 - Critically comment on Liza, the Deputy Commissioner's wife in 'Tamas'.

GROUP-D

SCIENCE FICTION AND DETECTIVE LITERATURE

1. Answer any *four* questions from the following: 10×4 = 40
- (a) Discuss the character and role of the mad scientist, the owner of the UFO, in "Professor Shonku and the UFO".
 - (b) Describe the relationship between Holmes and Watson giving suitable examples from *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.
 - (c) Comment on the treatment of the supernatural in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.
 - (d) Critically analyse the character of the detective Philip Marlowe in *The Big Sleep*.
 - (e) Analyse the battle of wits between Inspector Ghote and the legendary swindler, A. K. Bhattacharya / Banerjee, in *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train*. Who do you think wins the battle and why?
 - (f) Evaluate HRF Keating as a writer of detective fiction with reference to *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train*.
2. Answer any *four* questions from the following: 5×4 = 20
- (a) How does Nokurbabu help in killing the mad scientist?
 - (b) What happens when the five-member investigation team including Professor Shonku reaches inside the UFO?
 - (c) How is Stapleton related to Sir Henry Baskerville?
 - (d) How many letters had been received by Sir Henry Baskerville? What was the content of these letters?
 - (e) Why is Marlowe called to the home of the wealthy General Sternwood?
 - (f) How does Raymond Chandler describe the city of Los Angeles in *The Big Sleep*?
 - (g) How does *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train* begin?
 - (h) Why does Inspector Ghote get the feeling that the master trickster, A. K. Bhattacharya is in the train with him instead of a prison in Calcutta?

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