



'সমানো মন্ত্র: সমিতি: সমানী'

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**

B.Sc. Honours/Programme 2nd Semester Examination, 2023

**AECC2-ENGLISH (MIL)**

**ENGLISH COMMUNICATION**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 35

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**GROUP-A**

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

2×5 = 10

The dog has been man's best friend for thousands of years. Dogs are friendly, obedient and faithful animals. King Edward VII of England had a pet terrier named Caesar. When the king died in 1910, Caesar led the funeral procession, walking before kings and princes. After the famous music composer Mozart had died, only one living creature followed his coffin to the grave. It was his faithful dog.

Many stories are told of the bravery and faithfulness of dogs. There is even a village named after such a dog. It is the village of Bethgelert, which means 'grave of Gelert', in North Wales. According to the story that has been told in the village for many centuries, Gelert was a hunting dog belonging to Llewellyn, the great lord of the region. One morning, when the lord wanted to go hunting, he could not find Gelert and set off without him. On his return from the hunt, the lord found Gelert covered in blood. The lord's baby was not in its bed and the bed itself was in disorder. Thinking that the dog had eaten his child, the lord killed Gelert with his sword. The noise awoke the baby, who had been asleep, hidden under the bed coverings. The lord heard his child's cry, and found him there, safe and sound. Under the bed was found a great wolf, killed by Gelert. The faithful dog had saved the life of his master's child. But the dog lost his own life because of a tragic misunderstanding.

- What kind of animals are dogs?
- What was the name of King Edward VII's pet terrier?
- Where is the village of Bethgelert situated?
- Who was Gelert?
- What did the lord find under the bed?

**GROUP-B**

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

10×1 = 10

- Write a letter to the Principal of your college, requesting her to sanction you a medical leave for two weeks.
- Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to build the habit of newspaper reading.
- Write an essay on the merits and demerits of depending on artificial intelligence.
- Write an essay on a household task you enjoy doing and one that you dislike.

## GROUP-C

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

5×3 = 15

- (a) Prepare a CV in response to a job advertisement seeking fresh graduates as interns in a publishing company.
- (b) Write a Resume applying for a job as a flight attendant with a reputed airline.
- (c) Attempt a summary of the following paragraph:

Silk is a textile that is useful as well as beautiful. It comes from the cocoon of the silkworm. There are four stages in the life of the silkworm. First there is an egg. The egg hatches and a kind of caterpillar known as a silkworm comes out. It eats, grows and bursts out of its skin several times. It then spins a long, slender thread and winds the thread round and round its body. It goes to sleep in this silken nest or cocoon. The silkworm is now a chrysalis. Inside the cocoon, the chrysalis changes into a butterfly. It then breaks out of its cocoon for the last stage of its life, as an insect. But many millions of silkworms do not live to become butterflies. To get the silk, the breeders of silkworms kill the chrysalises inside the cocoons by the use of hot steam. Every yard of silk means the death of thousands of silkworms in the chrysalis stage.

(d) Attempt a summary of the following stanzas:

They never stop asking me

“What will you be?-

A doctor, a dancer,

A diver at sea?”

They never stop bugging me:

“What will you be?”

As if they expect me to

Stop being me.

When I grow up I'm going to be a Sneeze,

And sprinkle Germs on all my Enemies.

When I grow up I'm going to be a Toad,

And dump on Silly Questions in the road.

When I grow up I'm going to be a Child.

I'll Play the whole darn day and drive them Wild.

- (e) Write a dialogue between a sales-person and a customer at a garment shop.
- (f) Write a dialogue between two friends about choosing between an Android phone or an iPhone.
- (g) Write a notice as the Principal of your school, informing the students about the upcoming Parent-Teacher meeting.
- (h) Write a notice as the Secretary of your Housing Society informing the residents about the suspension of water supply for eight hours the following day.
- (i) Frame ten questions to take an interview of a famous writer.
- (j) Frame ten questions to take an interview of an Instagram influencer.

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There was a time when all house-work was done by the women or girls of the household. Few husbands ever dreamt of washing up, preparing breakfast or tending the baby. Such duties were no concern of theirs. And normal school boys assumed that if help was needed in the home, his sisters would be called to give it. The whole family supported the view that the male child could not or should not clean, mend, wash, cook or make beds.

Things are very different today. Doctors or barristers find nothing shameful in putting on an apron to help in the kitchen or nursery and even boast of being good at washing clothes and personal linen.

The school boy is now often expected to help his mother. One reason for the change is the shortage of domestic servants. Girls could once be found to do hard work in middle and upper class homes, for very moderate wages. Such girls nowadays work in factories. They earn more money than most householders can afford to pay. Thus, the wife now does the household work herself with the aid of labour-saving machines, and she expects some help from her husband.

- (a) Who usually did all household work in the past?
- (b) Mention some household chores that women used to do in their house.
- (c) What was the conception of the work related to the male child in the past?
- (d) What changes in gender-specific work have taken place now?
- (e) Mention the reason that has brought this change today.

**GROUP-B**

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

- (a) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper mentioning your concern about the effects of air pollution.
- (b) Write a letter to your distant relative stating your aim in life.
- (c) Write an essay on your experience as a volunteer in a cultural programme.
- (d) Write an essay on something that you might change about the world to make it better.

## GROUP-C

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

5×3 = 15

- (a) You are the secretary of the Music Club of your college. Write a notice inviting names of the students who want to participate in an inter-departmental singing competition organised by your club.
- (b) As a student editor of your college magazine, draft a notice for your college notice board inviting articles from the students.
- (c) Write a resume applying for a job of a librarian in a reputed institution.
- (d) Write a dialogue between two friends on the preparation for the upcoming examination.
- (e) Write a dialogue between a grandmother and her grandson about village life and city life.
- (f) A company has advertised for the position of a marketing officer in an English newspaper. Write a CV applying for the same.
- (g) Frame ten questions to take an interview of a famous singer.
- (h) Frame ten questions to take an interview of a local politician.
- (i) Attempt a summary of the following paragraph:

Plants cannot live without water and light. The problem of water is most severe in the deserts. Some desert plants send their roots deep into the ground, to tap the water stored below, but the cactus usually has shallow roots. When it rains the cactus absorbs as much water as possible. It stores this water in its fleshy stems. Plants usually lose a lot of water by evaporation through their leaves. Therefore, desert plants have tougher leaves than other plants. Sometimes prickly spines cover these desert plants. Spines make the rate of evaporation slower.

- (j) Attempt a summary of the following stanzas:

The sun descending in the west,  
 The evening star does shine;  
 The birds are silent in their nest.  
 And I must seek for mine.  
 The moon, like a flower,  
 In heaven's high bower,  
 With silent delight  
 Sits and smiles on the night.  
 Farewell, green fields and happy grove,  
 Where flocks have took delight:  
 Where lambs have nibbled, silent move  
 The feet of angels bright;  
 Unseen they pour blessing  
 And joy without ceasing  
 On each bud and blossom,  
 And each sleeping bosom.

They look in every thoughtless nest  
 Where birds are covered warm;  
 They visit caves of every beast,  
 To keep them all from harm:  
 If they see any weeping  
 That should have been sleeping,  
 They pour sleep on their head,  
 And sit down by their bed.

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**LCC2-P1-ENGLISH (PAPER-I)**

**TECHNICAL WRITING**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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**Answer any six of the following questions**

10×6 = 60

1. Write a paragraph on 'Knowledge is power'.
2. Write a paragraph on your last day in school.
3. Write an essay on "Should Plastic be Banned?"
4. Write an essay on your first time away from home.
5. Attempt a summary of the following (with a title):

Various kinds of nuclear weapons have been produced in the past few years by many countries. This is a new and a terrible development in the history of humans. Very few events can be more frightful than a nuclear war. In a nuclear war, most of the world's population can vanish. The few living creatures that might survive would be exposed to radiation or to electrical rays harmful to life. It has been said by scientists that many new diseases will be caused by radiation. There will also be an acute shortage of food, for all the crops and stores would be poisoned by radiation. Most of the areas on which nuclear bombs are dropped, would be ruined for life. Therefore, the survivors of a nuclear war will be sick, hungry and homeless. It might be better, perhaps, to be killed in a nuclear war than to survive. It would be better still for humans to learn to live in peace with one another. If this can be achieved, there will be no nuclear wars.

6. Write a letter to the head of your department in college, requesting for extra classes to cover the syllabus.
7. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner requesting him/her to open a dispensary in your village.
8. Write a letter to cheer up a friend who has been hospitalized.
9. Write a letter to congratulate a friend who has been selected to study in a foreign university.
10. Write a letter of thanks to your grandfather for the great time you had with him during your visit.
11. Write a dialogue between a teacher and a student discussing if one should choose wealth or health.
12. Write a dialogue between a parent and child about the choice of a career.

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