

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Programme 5th Semester Examination, 2024

GE1-P1-ENGLISH

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any three questions from the following:

 $10 \times 3 = 30$

(a) Critically appreciate "The Golden Boat".

OR

- (b) Comment on the use of symbolism in the poetry of Tagore with special reference to the poems on your syllabus.
- (c) Attempt a critical appreciation of "An Introduction".

OR

- (d) Discuss Kamala Das as a feminist writer with reference to the poems on your syllabus.
- (e) Discuss the character and role of Samant in Silence! The Court is in Session.

OR

- (f) Bring out the significance of the title, "Silence! The Court is in Session".
- (g) Give a character sketch of Naga in Nagamandala.

OR

(h) Examine Nagamandala as a critique of Indian patriarchy.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any four questions from the following:

 $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) Comment briefly on the central idea of "The Arrival".
- (b) What does the conch symbolize in the poem, "The Conch"?
- (c) Comment briefly on the central idea of "Smoke in Colombo".
- (d) "Lingering on as milk lingers on / In udders after the calves are buried." Explain.

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- (e) Bring out the significance of bottle of TIK-20.
- (f) Comment on the role of Kurudavva in Nagamandala.
- (g) How does Naga fall in love with Rani?
- (h) Briefly discuss the character of Mrs. Kashikar in Silence! The Court is in Session.

GROUP-C

3. Answer any *one* question from the following:

 $10 \times 1 = 10$

(a) Comment on the appropriateness of the title, "Coolie".

OR

- (b) Illustrate Mulk Raj Anand's humanism as revealed in Coolie.
- (c) Discuss the character of Nur in the novel, In Custody.

OR

(d) Comment on Anita Desai's portrayal of the condition of Urdu language in post-independence India in *In Custody*.