



‘সমানো মন্ত্র: সমিতি: সমানী’

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**  
B.A. Programme 5th Semester Examination, 2024

**SEC2-P1-ENGLISH**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**The question paper contains GROUP-I and GROUP-II.**  
**The candidates are required to answer any one from two Groups.**  
**Candidates should clearly mention the Group on the Answer Booklet.**

**GROUP-I**

**TEXT COMPREHENSION AND EDITING**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

2×8 = 16

Stories have been a part of human life for thousands of years. They are used to share experiences, pass on knowledge, and entertain. Before books and the internet, people would gather around a fire or in their homes to tell stories. In many cultures, story telling is still an important tradition, helping to keep history and beliefs alive.

Stories can teach lessons, offer comfort, or inspire action. They can make us feel different emotions, like joy, sadness, or even fear. A good story can help people understand each other better and build connections. That's why books, movies, and even songs play such an important role in our lives today.

Whether through words, pictures, or music, stories remain powerful. They remind us of who we are, where we come from, and where we might go.

- (a) How did people share stories before books and the internet?
- (b) Why are stories important in many cultures?
- (c) What kinds of emotions can stories make us feel?
- (d) What are some forms in which stories are told today?
- (e) What does the stories remind us of?
- (f) How does a good story help us?
- (g) What were the various uses of stories thousands of years back?
- (h) Choose an appropriate title for the passage.



2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

2×8 = 16

The river flows, a gentle stream,  
Through valleys wide and hills that gleam.  
It sings a song both soft and low,  
As onward, onward it must go.

It whispers secrets to the trees,  
And dances lightly with the breeze.  
Through sunlit days and starry nights,  
The river glows with nature's light.

It carries stories of the past,  
Of journeys long and shadows cast.  
Yet never does it stop or rest,  
Forever moving, at its best.

The river's song, so wild and free,  
Reminds us of what life could be.

- (a) What is the river compared to in the poem?
- (b) How does the river interact with the trees and the breeze?
- (c) What does the poem suggest the river carries with it?
- (d) How does the river behave during both day and night?
- (e) What does the wild and free river's song remind us of?
- (f) Why does the poet say the river never stops or rests?
- (g) Describe the river's movement as presented in the poem.
- (h) What are the types of song that the river sings?

3. Summarise the following:

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Education is essential for both individuals and society, providing critical thinking, problem solving, and communication skills. It enables people to contribute to the economy and participate in their communities. However, access to education remains a challenge for many, especially girls and marginalized groups. Improving access to education is seen as a way to reduce poverty and improve health. Education also promotes understanding, tolerance, and cooperation, making it crucial for a peaceful, innovative, and progressive society.

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

6×1 = 6

- (a) What are the responsibilities of a copy editor?
- (b) Explain the differences between copy editing and proofreading?
- (c) Discuss the importance of editing in the writing process.



5. Apply any *six* proofreading symbols to the paragraph give below with reference to the correct version of it: 2×6 = 12

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**Corrected version:**

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**GROUP-II**

**CREATIVE WRITING**

1. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 10×4 = 40
  - (a) What is creative writing? Explain in detail with few examples.
  - (b) Discuss the role of originality in creative writing.
  - (c) Discuss in detail the various steps in creative writing.
  - (d) Discuss the role of imagination in creative writing.
  - (e) Discuss various modes of creative writing.
  - (f) Consider and discuss short story as a mode of creative writing.
  - (g) Compare and contrast traditional and self publishing.
  - (h) Provide a sample of your diary entry (within 350 words) on the last day of your school life.
  
2. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 5×4 = 20
  - (a) What is an essay?
  - (b) Distinguish between novel and novella.
  - (c) What do you understand by 'character development' in a story?
  - (d) Can letter writing be called a creative writing? Argue your point.
  - (e) What is peer review in publication?
  - (f) What is publication ethics?
  - (g) Do you think that the language of a social media post differs from the language of print media? Argue.
  - (h) What are the disadvantages of self publishing?

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