



‘समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी’

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours 1st Semester Examination, 2023

CC1-ENGLISH

ENGLISH LANGUAGE: OVERVIEW AND USAGE; LITERARY TYPES

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: 10×3 = 30
- (a) Write a note on the Comedy of Manners.
 - (b) Write a note on the French influence on the English Language.
 - (c) Loan words have been called the milestones of general history — Do you agree? Argue your answer.
 - (d) Write an essay on the essential features of Shakespearean tragedy.
 - (e) How did the introduction of Christianity affect the English language?

GROUP-B

2. Answer any *two* questions from the following by writing short notes: 5×2 = 10
- (a) Johnsonese
 - (b) Hybrids
 - (c) Scandinavian law terms
 - (d) French words relating to art and architecture
 - (e) Portmanteau words.

GROUP-C

3. Name and explain the figures of speech in any *four* of the following: 3×4 = 12
- (a) O death! where is thy sting?
 - (b) Fresh as a rose is she.
 - (c) They marched a weary way.
 - (d) Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thoughts.
 - (e) Death lays his icy hands on kings.
 - (f) Beauty is truth, truth beauty.

GROUP-D

4. Scan any *one* of the following, name the prevailing metre, and indicate variations if any: 8×1 = 8

(a) The ice was here the ice was there

The ice was all around:

It cracked and growled and roared and howled,

Like noises in a swound.

(b) Tell me not in mournful numbers,

Life is but an empty dream!

For the soul is dead that slumbers,

And things are not what they seem.

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