



‘समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी’

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Honours 5th Semester Examination, 2023

DSE-P2-ENGLISH

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

GROUP-C

POPULAR LITERATURE

1. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 10×4 = 40
 - (a) Discuss the character and role of Otto Frank in *The Diary of a Young Girl*.
 - (b) Discuss the narrative technique used in *The Diary of a Young Girl*.
 - (c) Comment on Coelho's use of magic realism in *The Alchemist*.
 - (d) Discuss the Pyramids episode and bring out its significance in *The Alchemist*.
 - (e) Critically evaluate *There's a Carnival Today* as a regional novel.
 - (f) What is the central theme of *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*?

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 5×4 = 20
 - (a) Briefly describe the relationship between Anne and her mother in *The Diary of a Young Girl*.
 - (b) Comment on the importance of Kitty in Anne's life.
 - (c) Comment on the ending of *The Alchemist*.
 - (d) What does Santiago learn from the desert in *The Alchemist*?
 - (e) Why does Jonathan Livingston Seagull return to his flock?
 - (f) Assess the significance of the tea garden episode in *There's a Carnival Today*.
 - (g) How does Jonathan train Fletcher?
 - (h) Who is Yamuna in *There's a Carnival Today*?

GROUP-D

LITERATURE OF THE INDIAN DIASPORA

1. Answer any *four* of the following questions:

10×4 = 40

- (a) Critically assess the portrayal of women characters in *The Namesake*.
- (b) Do you think *The Namesake* is a postcolonial novel? Give reasons for your answer.
- (c) Critically consider Meera Syal's *Anita and Me* as a bildungsroman.
- (d) Critically examine the narrative structure of *The Book of Secrets*.
- (e) Discuss the character and role of Maneck Kohlah in *A Fine Balance*.
- (f) Personal greed is a major theme in *A Fine Balance*. Do you agree? Argue your answer.

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

5×4 = 20

- (a) How does the language barrier affect the Gangulis?
- (b) What significance does the name 'Gogol' have for Ashoke in *The Namesake*?
- (c) How does Syal present Meena's relationship with her mother?
- (d) What role does Sam Lowbridge play in *Anita and Me*?
- (e) Write a brief note on the caste system in *A Fine Balance*.
- (f) How does the Emergency affect Ishvar and Omprakash?
- (g) Why was Pipa and Mariamu's marriage strained after their son's birth?
- (h) Who stole Corbin's diary in *The Book of Secrets*?

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