



‘समानो मन्त्रः सभिदिः समानी’

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Honours 6th Semester Examination, 2024

DSE-P4-ENGLISH

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

GROUP-G

PARTITION LITERATURE

1. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 10×4 = 40
 - (a) Analyze the role of memory and nostalgia in “Alam’s Own House”.
 - (b) Discuss the impact of the Partition on the characters in the novel *Train to Pakistan*.
 - (c) Examine trains as a recurrent motif in *Train to Pakistan*.
 - (d) Elaborate on the significance of the title of *Tamas*.
 - (e) Discuss the significance of Lenny as the narrator of *Ice-Candy-Man*.
 - (f) Explore the themes of dislocation and loss in *Ice-Candy-Man*.

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 5×4 = 20
 - (a) Why did Alam stay with Anantashekhhar’s family?
 - (b) What was Dr. Gupta’s proposal to Alam’s father?
 - (c) What is the fate of Mano Majra at the end of the novel?
 - (d) What historical event serves as the backdrop to *Train to Pakistan*?
 - (e) Comment on the importance of the pig slaughter episode in *Tamas*.
 - (f) Discuss the role of Richard in *Tamas*.
 - (g) What does the Ice-Candy-Man do at the end of the book?
 - (h) What is the relationship between Lenny and Ayah?

GROUP-H

SCIENCE FICTION AND DETECTIVE LITERATURE

1. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 10×4 = 40
- (a) Discuss the significance of the setting in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.
 - (b) Examine the character of Sherlock Holmes in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.
 - (c) Analyze the portrayal of female characters in *The Big Sleep*.
 - (d) Discuss the subversion of the detective figure in *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train*.
 - (e) Examine "Professor Shonku and the UFO" as a piece of science fiction.
 - (f) Discuss the characteristics of hard-boiled fiction as exemplified in *The Big Sleep*.
2. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 5×4 = 20
- (a) What are some of the suspicious circumstances surrounding Sir Charles Baskerville's death?
 - (b) What was the mystery of the lost shoes of Sir Henry Baskervilles?
 - (c) What is the relationship between Carmen Sternwood and Eddie Mars?
 - (d) Write a short note on General Sternwood.
 - (e) How does Keating portray the hippies in *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train*?
 - (f) Comment on the ending of *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train*.
 - (g) What is the main focus of Professor Shonku's scientific research?
 - (h) Why is Carboni angry with Professor Shonku?