



‘समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी’

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

GE1-P2-ENGLISH

SELECTIONS FROM EUROPEAN LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions: 10×2 = 20

(a) Attempt a critical appreciation of Sonnet no.18 by Shakespeare.

OR

(b) Comment on the imagery found in the Sonnets of Shakespeare included in the syllabus.

(c) Critically estimate “Daffodils” as a Romantic poem.

OR

(d) Write an essay on Wordsworth’s portrayal of Lucy in the Lucy Poems.

(e) Critically appreciate Auden’s “Autumn Song”.

OR

(f) Comment on the use of irony in Auden’s “The Unknown Citizen”.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions: 10×2 = 20

(a) Why was Oliver Bacon still a sad man and what was the bigger bet he pined to win?

OR

(b) Discuss Virginia Woolf’s use of symbolism in “The Duchess and the Jeweller”.

(c) Justify the appropriateness of the title of “Shooting an Elephant”.

OR

(d) Bring out the significance of the death of the coolie in “Shooting an Elephant”.

(e) Assess “The Magic Shop” as a short story.

OR

(f) Analyze the relationship between the father and son in “The Magic Shop”.

(g) What prompts Vera to make up her tall tale in "The Open Window"?

OR

(h) Bring out the significance of the title of "The Open Window".

GROUP-C

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

10×1 = 10

(a) Discuss *Twelfth Night* as a romantic comedy.

OR

(b) Comment on the role of Feste in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

(c) Analyse Shakespeare's use of supernatural elements in *Macbeth* with examples from the text.

OR

(d) Assess Macbeth as a tragic hero.

GROUP-D

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

5×2 = 10

(a) Describe the poet's thoughts on seeing the daffodils.

(b) Bring out the central theme of Shakespeare's Sonnet no.73.

(c) What does Auden ask at the end of his poem, "The Unknown Citizen", and what is his answer?

(d) "O fearful meditation! Where, alack,
Shall Time's best jewel from Time's chest lie hid?"
— Elucidate.

(e) "Fair is foul, and foul is fair." — Explain the line.

(f) "If music be the food of love, play on." Who says this and why?

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