



'সমানো মন্ত্র: সমিতি: সমানী'

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.Sc. Honours/Programme 2nd Semester Examination, 2023

AECC2-ENGLISH (MIL)

ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 35

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: 2×5 = 10

The dog has been man's best friend for thousands of years. Dogs are friendly, obedient and faithful animals. King Edward VII of England had a pet terrier named Caesar. When the king died in 1910, Caesar led the funeral procession, walking before kings and princes. After the famous music composer Mozart had died, only one living creature followed his coffin to the grave. It was his faithful dog.

Many stories are told of the bravery and faithfulness of dogs. There is even a village named after such a dog. It is the village of Bethgelert, which means 'grave of Gelert', in North Wales. According to the story that has been told in the village for many centuries, Gelert was a hunting dog belonging to Llewellyn, the great lord of the region. One morning, when the lord wanted to go hunting, he could not find Gelert and set off without him. On his return from the hunt, the lord found Gelert covered in blood. The lord's baby was not in its bed and the bed itself was in disorder. Thinking that the dog had eaten his child, the lord killed Gelert with his sword. The noise awoke the baby, who had been asleep, hidden under the bed coverings. The lord heard his child's cry, and found him there, safe and sound. Under the bed was found a great wolf, killed by Gelert. The faithful dog had saved the life of his master's child. But the dog lost his own life because of a tragic misunderstanding.

- (a) What kind of animals are dogs?
- (b) What was the name of King Edward VII's pet terrier?
- (c) Where is the village of Bethgelert situated?
- (d) Who was Gelert?
- (e) What did the lord find under the bed?

GROUP-B

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

- (a) Write a letter to the Principal of your college, requesting her to sanction you a medical leave for two weeks.
- (b) Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to build the habit of newspaper reading.
- (c) Write an essay on the merits and demerits of depending on artificial intelligence.
- (d) Write an essay on a household task you enjoy doing and one that you dislike.

GROUP-C

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

5×3 = 15

- (a) Prepare a CV in response to a job advertisement seeking fresh graduates as interns in a publishing company.
- (b) Write a Resume applying for a job as a flight attendant with a reputed airline.
- (c) Attempt a summary of the following paragraph:

Silk is a textile that is useful as well as beautiful. It comes from the cocoon of the silkworm. There are four stages in the life of the silkworm. First there is an egg. The egg hatches and a kind of caterpillar known as a silkworm comes out. It eats, grows and bursts out of its skin several times. It then spins a long, slender thread and winds the thread round and round its body. It goes to sleep in this silken nest or cocoon. The silkworm is now a chrysalis. Inside the cocoon, the chrysalis changes into a butterfly. It then breaks out of its cocoon for the last stage of its life, as an insect. But many millions of silkworms do not live to become butterflies. To get the silk, the breeders of silkworms kill the chrysalises inside the cocoons by the use of hot steam. Every yard of silk means the death of thousands of silkworms in the chrysalis stage.

(d) Attempt a summary of the following stanzas:

They never stop asking me
 “What will you be?—
 A doctor, a dancer,
 A diver at sea?”

They never stop bugging me:
 “What will you be?”
 As if they expect me to
 Stop being me.

When I grow up I’m going to be a Sneeze,
 And sprinkle Germs on all my Enemies.

When I grow up I’m going to be a Toad,
 And dump on Silly Questions in the road.

When I grow up I’m going to be a Child.
 I’ll Play the whole darn day and drive them Wild.

- (e) Write a dialogue between a sales-person and a customer at a garment shop.
- (f) Write a dialogue between two friends about choosing between an Android phone or an iPhone.
- (g) Write a notice as the Principal of your school, informing the students about the upcoming Parent-Teacher meeting.
- (h) Write a notice as the Secretary of your Housing Society informing the residents about the suspension of water supply for eight hours the following day.
- (i) Frame ten questions to take an interview of a famous writer.
- (j) Frame ten questions to take an interview of an Instagram influencer.

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