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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2023

GE2-P2-ENGLISH

SELECTIONS FROM EUROPEAN LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions: 10×2 = 20
- (a) Analyse Shakespeare's treatment of the themes of love and time in any one of the Sonnets included in your syllabus.
- OR**
- (b) Attempt a critical appreciation of Sonnet no. 64 by Shakespeare.
- (c) Estimate Wordsworth as a Romantic poet with reference to the Lucy Poems.
- OR**
- (d) How does Wordsworth describe his experience of coming across a "host, of golden daffodils"?
- (e) Critically appreciate Auden's "Autumn Song".
- OR**
- (f) Assess "The Unknown Citizen" as a modern poem.
2. Answer any *two* of the following questions: 10×2 = 20
- (a) Evaluate Woolf's "The Duchess and the Jeweller" as a critique of contemporary society.
- OR**
- (b) Comment on the portrayal of the Duchess in Woolf's "The Duchess and the Jeweller."
- (c) How does Wells describe the magic shop in his short story?
- OR**
- (d) What elements of the ideal short story can you find in "The Magic Shop" by H. G. Wells?
- (e) Comment on Munro's portrayal of Framton Nuttel in "The Open Window".
- OR**
- (f) What do you think prompts Vera to make up her tall tale in "The Open Window"?

- (g) Bring out the significance of the death of the Coolie in Orwell's essay, "Shooting an Elephant".

OR

- (h) Comment on the central idea of Orwell's "Shooting an Elephant".

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

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

OR

- (b) Comment on the portrayal of Lady Macbeth in *Macbeth*.

- (c) Assess the role of Viola / Cesario in *Twelfth Night*.

OR

- (d) Analyse Shakespeare's treatment of various types of love in *Twelfth Night*.

4. Answer any **two** of the following questions: 5×2 = 10

- (a) Bring out the central theme of Sonnet No. 73.

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

- (c) How does Lucy's death affect the speaker in Wordsworth's Lucy Poems?

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

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

- (f) Describe Malvolio's attire in the scene after he is tricked by Maria.

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