



'সমানো মন্ত্র: সমিতি: সমানী'

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
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DSE1/2-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

PARTITION LITERATURE

1. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 10×4 = 40
 - (a) Comment on the portrayal of women in *Ice-Candy Man*.
 - (b) Examine the theme of dislocation and a sense of loss in *Ice-Candy Man*.
 - (c) Critically comment on the character of Alam in Dibyendu Palit's "Alam's Own House".
 - (d) Discuss the appropriateness of the title of *Train to Pakistan*.
 - (e) Do you think Juggut Singh redeems himself at the end of *Train to Pakistan*? Argue your answer.
 - (f) Examine the portrayal of communal violence in Bisham Sahni's *Tamas*.

2. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 5×4 = 20
 - (a) Why does Zaitoon marry Sakhi, but eventually runs away from his home in *Ice-Candy Man*?
 - (b) What are Sidhwa's observations on Nehru in the *Ice-Candy Man*?
 - (c) What was Dr. Gupta's proposal to Alam's father?
 - (d) Comment on the ending of "Alam's Own House".
 - (e) Describe the fictional village of Mano Majra as depicted in the beginning of the novel *Train to Pakistan*.
 - (f) How do Hukum Chand and the Sub-Inspector try to save the Muslims of Mano Majra?
 - (g) Comment on the importance of the pig-slaughter episode in *Tamas*.
 - (h) Critically comment on Liza, the Deputy Commissioner's wife in 'Tamas'.

GROUP-D

SCIENCE FICTION AND DETECTIVE LITERATURE

1. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 10×4 = 40
- (a) Discuss the character and role of the mad scientist, the owner of the UFO, in “Professor Shonku and the UFO”.
 - (b) Describe the relationship between Holmes and Watson giving suitable examples from *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.
 - (c) Comment on the treatment of the supernatural in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.
 - (d) Critically analyse the character of the detective Philip Marlowe in *The Big Sleep*.
 - (e) Analyse the battle of wits between Inspector Ghote and the legendary swindler, A. K. Bhattacharya / Banerjee, in *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train*. Who do you think wins the battle and why?
 - (f) Evaluate HRF Keating as a writer of detective fiction with reference to *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train*.
2. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 5×4 = 20
- (a) How does Nokurbabu help in killing the mad scientist?
 - (b) What happens when the five-member investigation team including Professor Shonku reaches inside the UFO?
 - (c) How is Stapleton related to Sir Henry Baskerville?
 - (d) How many letters had been received by Sir Henry Baskerville? What was the content of these letters?
 - (e) Why is Marlowe called to the home of the wealthy General Sternwood?
 - (f) How does Raymond Chandler describe the city of Los Angeles in *The Big Sleep*?
 - (g) How does *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train* begin?
 - (h) Why does Inspector Ghote get the feeling that the master trickster, A. K. Bhattacharya is in the train with him instead of a prison in Calcutta?

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