

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Programme 6th Semester Examination, 2023

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:

(a) Critically analyse Sonnet no. 64 by Shakespeare.

OR

(b) Comment on the autobiographical elements found in Shakespeare's sonnets prescribed in your syllabus.

(c) Attempt a critical appreciation of Wordsworth's "Daffodils".

OR

- (d) Comment on Wordsworth's treatment of nature in the Lucy Poems.
- (e) Discuss "Autumn Song" as a representative poem of W. H. Auden.

OR

(f) Critically appreciate Auden's "The Unknown Citizen".

GROUP-B

- 2. Answer any *two* of the following questions:
 - (a) Analyse the character of the Duchess in Woolf's short story, "The Duchess and the Jeweller".

OR

- (b) Critically comment on the title of Woolf's short story, "The Duchess and the Jeweller".
- (c) Comment on the ending of Orwell's "Shooting an Elephant".

OR

- (d) Discuss the role of the narrator in "Shooting an Elephant".
- (e) Examine "The Magic Shop" as an ideal short story.

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OR

- (f) Analyse the role of Gip in "The Magic Shop" by H. G. Wells.
- (g) Bring out the significance of the title of Munro's short story, "The Open Window".

OR

(h) Discuss the character of Vera in "The Open Window".

GROUP-C

- 3. Answer any *one* of the following questions:
 - (a) Comment on the role of Feste in Twelfth Night.

OR

- (b) Evaluate *Twelfth Night* as a romantic comedy.
- (c) Critically consider the dramatic significance of the "Sleep-walking Scene" (Act V, Scene I) in *Macbeth*.

OR

(d) Discuss Macbeth as a tragic hero.

GROUP-D

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- 4. Answer any *two* of the following questions:
 - (a) "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate."

Explain the comparison.

- (b) How does Wordsworth describe the beauty of Lucy?
- (c) What picture of autumn does Auden portray in "Autumn Song"?
- (d) Write a brief note on how Shakespeare represents time in Sonnet no. 65.
- (e) How does Viola land in Illyria at the beginning of Twelfth Night?
- (f) Why does Macbeth kill Duncan?

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