



'समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी'

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**

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**LCC1-P1-ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**GROUP-A**

1. Read the paragraph carefully and answer the following questions: 2×7 = 14

The choices we make on a daily basis – wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situations – can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful consequences.

You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness. We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help us to keep us safe. I'm not proud of this, but I ignored my limits for the first 20 years of my life at work. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins and anything I could get my hands on. Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.

- (a) How can our daily choices affect our lives?
- (b) What changes are necessary to create discipline?
- (c) Why is "living on the edge" a popular way to look at life?
- (d) Why are lines and margins important?
- (e) What did the writer do in the initial 20 years of his life at work?
- (f) How did the writer try to make himself feel better?
- (g) What did the writer finally realise?

**GROUP-B**

2. Attempt a summary of the following paragraph: 12

Most of us know that cancer, heart disease and stroke are the leading causes of death in the West. But many people would be surprised by the next biggest killer:

the side effects of prescription medicines. Adverse drug reaction kills more than 110,000 people in a year in the United Kingdom and more than 100,000 in the United States of America. Many studies published in the scientific literature comparing drug side effects in humans and animals have found animal tests to be unlikely to predict any more accurately than if you had tossed a coin. Hundreds of drugs used to treat strokes have been found safe and effective in animal studies, and then injured or killed patients in clinical trials.

3. Write an essay on any **one** of the following topics: 10
- (a) Importance of Science and Technology
  - (b) Life in an Indian Village
  - (c) A Picnic with Family.
4. Answer any **one** of the following: 10
- (a) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining against the frequent breakdown of electric supply in your locality.
  - (b) Write a letter to the Chairman of your Municipality, complaining about the unsanitary condition of the locality where you live.
  - (c) Write a letter to a friend telling him/her about your future plans after you leave college.
5. Apply any **seven** proof reading symbols to the paragraph given below in reference to the correct version of it:  $2 \times 7 = 14$

Proof:

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Correct Version:

Global warming is the term used to describe the rising of average temperature on earth. It has to do with the overall climate of the earth rather than the weather on any given day.

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