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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

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LCC1-P1-ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

TEXT COMPREHENSION, EDITING AND WRITING SKILL

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

“I have a dream” is a public speech delivered by American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. during the march in Washington for jobs and freedom on August 28, 1963, in which he called for an end to racism in the United States and called for civil and economic rights. Delivered to over 250,000 civil rights supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., the speech was a defining moment of the civil rights movement.

Beginning with a reference to the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed millions of slaves in 1863, King observes that: “One hundred years later, the Negro still is not free.” Toward the end of the speech, King departed from his prepared text for a partly improvised peroration on the theme “I have a dream”, prompted by Mahalia Jackson’s cry: “Tell them about the dream. Martin!” In this part of the speech, which most excited the listeners and has now become its most famous, King described his dreams of freedom and equality arising from the land of slavery and hatred. Jon Meacham writes that, “With a single phrase, Martin Luther King Jr. joined Jefferson and Lincoln in the ranks of men who’ve shaped modern America.” The speech was ranked the top American Speech of the 20th Century in a 1999 poll of Scholars of public address.

- (a) What issues does Martin Luther King Jr. address in his speech?
- (b) What causes King to speak: “I have a dream”?
- (c) When and where did Martin Luther King Jr. deliver his famous speech “I have a dream”?
- (d) What does Jon Meacham say about the famous phrase — “I have a dream” by Martin Luther King Jr.?
- (e) What is the Emancipation Proclamation?
- (f) In front of how many people did Martin Luther King Jr. give his famous speech — “I have a dream”?
- (g) What ranking did the speech get in a 1999 poll?

GROUP-B

2. Attempt a summary of the following paragraph: 12

A man in the east gave up all worldly concerns and went to a wood, where he built a hut and lived in it. His only clothing was a piece of cloth that he wore around his waist. But as ill luck would have it, rats were plentiful in the wood; so he had to keep a cat. The cat required milk; so he had to keep a cow. The cow required tending, so a boy was employed.

The boy required a house to live in. So a house was built for him. To look after the house a maid had to be engaged. To provide company for the maid a few more houses had to be made, and people were invited to live in them. In this manner, a little township sprang up in the lovely wood.

3. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics: 10

- (a) Internet – a blessing or a curse.
- (b) Importance of Education.
- (c) Health is Wealth.

4. Answer any *one* of the following: 10

- (a) Write an application to the Bank Manager requesting for a personal loan.
- (b) Lodge a police complaint for the loss of your college identity card.
- (c) Write a letter to your friend about a place you have recently visited.

5. Apply any *seven* proof reading symbols to the paragraph given below in reference to the correct version of it: 2×7 = 14

Proof:

Do you no Ryan did last weekend. He went to the beach with his family First Ryan builded a huge sand castle. Then, he collect seashells and rocks. After that, he goed swimming with his brother. Ryan has a wonderful time at the beach.

Correct Version:

Do you know what Ryan did last weekend? He went to the beach with his family. First, Ryan built a huge sand castle. Then, he collected seashells and rocks. After that, he went swimming with his brother. Ryan had a wonderful time at the beach.

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