



'समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी'

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**

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**SEC1-P1-ENGLISH**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**The question paper contains PAPER-I and PAPER-II.  
The candidates are required to answer any *one* from *two* Papers.  
Candidates should mention it clearly on the Answer Book.**

**PAPER-I**

**TEXT COMPREHENSION AND EDITING**

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

2×8 = 16

The coconut is an unusual food for many reasons. It is technically a seed, produced by the coconut palm tree, and as such is one of the largest edible seeds produced by any plant. Its unusual contents also make it unique in the seed world—the interior consists of both “meat” and “water”. The meat is the white pith with which we are all familiar, as it is used extensively for cooking and flavourings; the coconut water is a white liquid that is very sweet and thirst-quenching.

Portuguese explorers gave the nut its name in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, referring to it as coco, meaning “ghost” in their language. The three dimples and the hairy texture reminded them of a ghost’s face, and the tree has retained the name ever since.

The coconut has many varied uses. It is used to make margarine, as well as various cooking oils, and these cooking oils are used by fast-food restaurants around the world to make such diet staples as French fries. The coconut fluid is a favourite drink in hot climates, providing a cool and refreshing beverage right off the tree. This water is also used by manufacturers of various sports drinks because of its isotonic electrolyte properties. Even the shell itself has many uses, including cattle food and fertilizer.

- Give one reason why the coconut is an unusual food.
- What are the unusual contents that make up the coconut’s interior?
- Who gave the nut its name and when?
- Why did the coconut earn the nickname of “ghost”?
- Name two items the coconut is used to make.
- How do fast-food restaurants around the world use the coconut?

- (g) Why is the coconut fluid a favourite drink in hot climates?
- (h) What properties of the coconut fluid make it a good sports drink?

2. Read the following poem carefully and answer the following questions:

2×8 = 16

Morning dawns  
breaking darkened shades  
draped heavy in the night.

The watercolour sky  
in a kaleidoscope of hues  
brushed across the horizon's cusp  
A proclamation  
that today will arise anew....

With a nudge, a prod...  
crisp early breezes  
floating over dew-laced grass

Whisper carpe diem  
To those who are willing to hear  
Seize this day and make it yours.

Why envelop your life  
with the weight of regret?  
What's been put off – or done –  
is over and gone.  
It's this moment, this here and now.

Today  
Take a step toward  
striving for your dreams.  
Become a bit of the person you want to be.

- (a) What time of the day is it when the poem begins?
- (b) How does the poet describe the night?
- (c) How does the sky look?
- (d) What does the morning sky proclaim?
- (e) The crisp early breezes are floating over what?
- (f) What message is the breeze whispering?

- (g) Why does the poet not want the readers to envelop their life with regret?
- (h) What is the final message of the poem?

3. Read the following paragraph carefully and attempt a summary of it: 10×1 = 10

Popularity is almost universally cherished. But it is not easy to maintain popularity even after gaining it. It needs a lot of tact and careful handling. Respecting elders, loving the young, caring for all, are a few things which can help a person retain popularity. Assuming a sportive behaviour can also help a person go a long way. Standing up boldly for right things needs guts and courage but is positively applauded. Consideration of others' views and opinions speak of a great personality and earns a lot of praise. These are some ways in which one can continue to enjoy the perks of popularity.

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions: 6×1 = 6

- (a) What are the roles and responsibilities of an academic editor?
- (b) Discuss the various stages of copy editing.
- (c) How does proofreading differ from copy editing?

5. Apply any **six** proof reading symbols to the paragraph given below in reference to the correct version of it: 2×6 = 12

with the invention of the personal computer and the Internet, a new age in communications begins. now peepole could communicate Fastest and more easily than ever before

**Correct version:**

With the invention of the personal computer and the Internet, a new age in communications began. Now people could communicate faster and more easily than ever before.

## PAPER-II

### CREATIVE WRITING

1. Answer any **four** of the following questions: 10×4 = 40

- (a) Discuss the role of subjectivity in creative writing.
- (b) What role does inspiration play in the creative process?
- (c) Reading is essential for creative writing – Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
- (d) Discuss the importance and purpose of creative writing.
- (e) Explain the different types of fictions in which one may try to write creatively.
- (f) Would you agree with the view that writing for the New Media requires different kinds of skills from those required for print media? Give reasons for your answer.

- (g) What is the importance of revision and rewriting before a manuscript is sent for publication?
- (h) How can a writer create a serious proposal for manuscript submission to be accepted by a publisher?

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions:

5×4 = 20

- (a) Comment on the role of language in creative writing.
- (b) What is the role of imitation in creative writing?
- (c) Does censorship hamper creativity? Discuss briefly.
- (d) Write a review of a music concert that you attended recently.
- (e) Prepare a radio script for introducing a special programme on the occasion of Children's Day.
- (f) Who is a copy editor?
- (g) Create an advertisement with a social message.
- (h) What is the importance of proofreading to make a manuscript ready for print?

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