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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
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DSE-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

POPULAR LITERATURE

1. Answer any **four** of the following questions: 10×4 = 40
- (a) Discuss how Anne matures through the course of her diary and how it is impacted by her diverse circumstances.
 - (b) Comment on the form and structure of Anne Frank's *The Diary of a Young Girl*.
 - (c) Discuss the significance of the Englishman episode in *The Alchemist*.
 - (d) Discuss the major symbols in *The Alchemist*.
 - (e) Do you consider *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* as a success story? Give reasons for your answer.
 - (f) Critically analyse the women characters in I. B. Rai's *There's a Carnival Today*.
2. Answer any **four** of the following questions: 5×4 = 20
- (a) What compels Anne Frank to write the diary that would later be published as *The Diary of a Young Girl*?
 - (b) Write a brief note on the people hiding in the 'secret annexe'.
 - (c) What does Janak's truck symbolize?
 - (d) Why does Anthony Seagull seek to end his life?
 - (e) Comment on the prologue in *The Alchemist*.
 - (f) What is the significance of the peacock episode in *There's a Carnival Today*?
 - (g) How does the King assist Santiago in recognizing omens?
 - (h) How is Jonathan different from other gulls?

GROUP-D

LITERATURE OF THE INDIAN DIASPORA

1. Answer any **four** of the following questions: 10×4 = 40
- (a) Attempt a character sketch of Ashima.
 - (b) Do you think *The Namesake* is a diasporic novel? Give reasons for your answer.
 - (c) Comment on the narrative techniques used in *Anita and Me*.
 - (d) Discuss *The Book of Secrets* as a historical novel.
 - (e) Discuss the role and character of Dina in *A Fine Balance*.
 - (f) Examine the appropriateness of the title of *A Fine Balance*.
2. Answer any **four** of the following questions: 5×4 = 20
- (a) What happened to the letter sent by Ashima's grandmother in *The Namesake*?
 - (b) Write a brief note on the first meeting between Ashima and Ashok.
 - (c) Comment on the ending of *Anita and Me*.
 - (d) In what ways do Anita and Meena have a positive influence on each other in the novel?
 - (e) How does Corbin help Mariamu in *The Book of Secrets*?
 - (f) How is the city presented in *A Fine Balance*?
 - (g) Comment on the prologue in *A Book of Secrets*.
 - (h) Bring out the symbolic significance of the chess-board in *A Fine Balance*.

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