

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours 2nd Semester Examination, 2022

GE1-P2-ENGLISH

Time Allotted: 2 Hours Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Answer any *two* questions from the following:

 $15 \times 2 = 30$

- (a) Attempt a critical appreciation of Shakespeare's Sonnet no. 18. ("Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?")
- (b) What role does nature play in the Shakespearean sonnets that are prescribed in your syllabus?
- (c) Write an essay on Wordsworth's portrayal of Lucy in the Lucy poems.
- (d) How is the motif of death represented in Wordsworth's Lucy poems?
- (e) Attempt a critical appreciation of W.H. Auden's "The Unknown Citizen".
- (f) Comment on the use of irony in "The Unknown Citizen".
- 2. Answer any *one* of the following questions:

 $15 \times 1 = 15$

- (a) Analyse the character of Oliver Bacon.
- (b) Comment on the relationship between the duchess and the jeweller in Woolf's short story.
- (c) Justify the appropriateness of the title of "Shooting an Elephant".
- (d) Consider "Shooting an Elephant" as a critique of imperialism.
- 3. Answer any *one* of the following questions:

 $15 \times 1 = 15$

- (a) Discuss Macbeth as a tragic hero.
- (b) Assess the importance of the supernatural in *Macbeth*.
- (c) Bring out the dramatic significance of the Trap scene in Twelfth Night.
- (d) Write an essay on the theme of love in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

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