



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. General Part-I Examination, 2020

ELECTIVE ENGLISH

PAPER-II

Time Allotted: 1 Hour

Full Marks: 25

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-I

Answer any one of the following

13×1 = 13

1. Trace the theme of sadness in the sonnets of Shakespeare prescribed for you.
2. Discuss Donne as a metaphysical poet with reference to “*The Good Morrow*”.
3. How does Shelley describe the working of the “Wild Spirit... Destroyer and Preserver”?
4. Compare and contrast the two “Skylark” poems on your syllabus.

GROUP-II

Answer any one of the following

4×1 = 4

5. Explain the ‘Lark’ imagery in Sonnet No: 29.
6. “Who is so safe as wee?” — Why is the speaker so confident?
7. “If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?”— Explain with reference to the context.
8. “Teach me half the gladness”— Whose ‘gladness’ is referred to here? Why does the speaker make this appeal?
9. “Increasing store with loss and loss with store.” Bring out the underlying idea.
10. How does the poet describe the beauty of Lucy?

GROUP-III

11. Critically appreciate the following:

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My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:
So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die !
The child is father of the man;
I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.

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