



‘সমানো মন্ত্র: সমিতি: সমানী’

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

AEC 3rd Semester Examination, 2025

AEC - ENGLAEC002-COMPULSORY ENGLISH

ENHANCING READING AND WRITING SKILLS

Time Allotted: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Answer any *two* questions from the following: 10×2 = 20
 - (a) Critically analyse Wordsworth’s depiction of nature in “Daffodils”.
 - (b) Critically appreciate the poem, “Daffodils”.
 - (c) Evaluate “O Captain! My Captain!” as a historical poem.
 - (d) Discuss the literal and figurative journey in Whitman’s “O Captain! My Captain!”.
 - (e) Critically appreciate “Still I Rise”.
 - (f) Discuss the speaker’s attitude towards her oppressors in the poem, “Still I Rise”.
 - (g) Discuss Tagore’s vision of his country and countrymen in his “Where the Mind is Without Fear”.
 - (h) Bring out the significance of the title of the poem, “Where the Mind is Without Fear”.

2. Analyse any *two* questions from the following: 10×2 = 20
 - (a) Discuss the meaning and significance of the old man’s statement, “I am without politics”.
 - (b) Analyse the central idea of the story, “Old Man at the Bridge”.
 - (c) Discuss the significance of the title, “How a Client was Saved”.
 - (d) Who is the ‘Client’ in the story, “How a Client was Saved”? Write in detail how the ‘Client’ is saved.
 - (e) How does ‘the telephone’ represent both the promise of connection and the reality of isolation, emotional distance, and uncertainty?
 - (f) Discuss the narrative technique of the story, “A Telephone Call”.
 - (g) Discuss the use of irony in O’ Henry’s short story, “The Gift of the Magi”.
 - (h) Analyse the character of Jim in “The Gift of the Magi”.

3. Answer any *two* questions from the following: 10×2 = 20
 - (a) Write a report on the celebration of Independence Day in your college.
 - (b) Write a paragraph on “Youth and Social Media”.
 - (c) Write a CV to apply for the post of a Manager in a private company.
 - (d) Write a formal letter to your Principal asking for leave.

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AEC - ENGLAEC001-ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

LITERARY APPLICATION

Time Allotted: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 60

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1. Answer any **three** of the following questions: 15×3 = 45
- (a) Comment on the role and character of Maurya in *Riders to the Sea*.
- OR**
- (b) Comment on the title of *Riders to the Sea*.
- (c) How does Gatsby’s character represent the American dream?
- OR**
- (d) Discuss the narrative technique of *The Great Gatsby*.
- (e) Examine *The Man-Eater of Malgudi* as a social novel.
- OR**
- (f) Comment on the character of Vasu in *The Man-Eater of Malgudi*.
2. Answer any **three** of the following questions: 5×3 = 15
- (a) Why is Bartley determined to go to Connemara?
- (b) What does the sea represent in J. M. Synge’s *Riders to the Sea*?
- (c) How does Nick Carraway first meet Jay Gatsby?
- (d) Why did Daisy marry Tom?
- (e) What role does Rangi play in *The Man-Eater of Malgudi*?
- (f) Briefly describe Nataraj’s profession.

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