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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL  
B.A. Minor/Dsc 3rd Semester Examination, 2025

ENGLMIN303/ENGLDSC303-ENGLISH

UNDERSTANDING FICTION

Time Allotted: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

GROUP-A

1. Write short notes on any **four** of the following literary terms: 3×4 = 12
- (a) Character (flat and round)
  - (b) Epistolary novel
  - (c) Parable
  - (d) Picaresque novel
  - (e) Stream of consciousness
  - (f) Theme.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions: 6×4 = 24
- (a) How does the short story, “The Lagoon”, by Conrad end?
  - (b) Why was the young narrator in Joyce’s short story so late in reaching the bazaar?
  - (c) What gifts did Jim and Della give each other? Why did the gifts prove useless that Christmas?
  - (d) Describe, after Mansfield, the struggle of the fly in the inkpot.
  - (e) How did Mrs. Thurlow save up some money? What happened to it?
  - (f) What did the Duchess want from the Jeweller? What did she offer in return?

GROUP-C

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions: 12×2 = 24
- (a) Critically analyse the character and role of Elizabeth Bennet in Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice*.

OR

- (b) Critically comment on the title of the novel *Pride and Prejudice*.
- (c) Evaluate Dickens’s *David Copperfield* as a bildungsroman.

OR

- (d) Critically examine the character of Dora in *David Copperfield*.

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