



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Programme 6th Semester Examination, 2021

DSE2-ENGLISH

Full Marks: 60

ASSIGNMENT

*The questions are of equal value.
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

PARTITION LITERATURE

Answer any *three* of the following questions (700-750 words each) 20×3 = 60

1. Discuss *Tamas* as a Partition novel.
2. Comment on the title of *Train to Pakistan*.
3. Comment on the portrayal of women in *Ice-Candy Man*.
4. Do you think Juggut Singh redeems himself at the end of *Train to Pakistan*? Argue your answer.
5. Attempt a postcolonial reading of *Ice-Candy Man*.
6. Comment on the title of Sahni's *Tamas*.

GROUP-D

SCIENCE FICTION AND DETECTIVE LITERATURE

Answer any *three* of the following questions (700-750 words each) 20×3 = 60

1. Critically evaluate 'Professor Shonku and the UFO' as a work of science fiction.
2. Comment on the treatment of the supernatural in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.

3. Analyse the battle of wits between Inspector Ghote and the legendary swindler, A.K. Bhattacharya/Banerjee, in *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train*. Who do you think wins the battle and why?
4. Discuss the character and role of the mad scientist, the owner of the UFO, in 'Professor Shonku and the UFO'.
5. Justify the appropriateness of the title of *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train*.
6. Describe the relationship between Holmes and Watson giving suitable examples from *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.

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