



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2020

GE4-ENGLISH

SELECTIONS FROM EUROPEAN LITERATURE

Full Marks: 60

ASSIGNMENT

*The questions are of equal value.
The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

1. Answer any **one** of the following questions: (700-750 words) 20×1 = 20
 - (a) Analyse Wordsworth's treatment of women with reference to 'The Lucy Poems'. 20
 - (b) Discuss the theme of immortality as presented in the sonnets of Shakespeare on your syllabus, citing specific lines as support in your views. 20
 - (c) Illustrate the elements of irony in Auden's "The Unknown Citizen". 20

2. Answer any **one** of the following questions: (700-750 words) 20×1 = 20
 - (a) 'The Duchess and the Jeweller' mirrors the Victorian society. Discuss. 20

OR

 - (b) How did Orwell address the issues related to imperialism in 'Shooting an Elephant'? 20
 - (c) Evaluate 'The Magic Shop' as a short story. 20

OR

 - (d) Discuss the character and role of Vera Sappleton in 'Open Window'. 20

3. Answer any **one** of the following questions: (700-750 words) 20×1 = 20
 - (a) Some people suggest that the porter scene in *Macbeth* is included only so that the actor playing Macbeth has time to wash the blood off his hands. Do you agree? Or do you think the scene serves other purposes? Explain your answer. 20
 - (b) Elaborate on the ambiguity related to the gender roles and identities in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. 20

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