



‘সামান্যে যন্ত্র: সামিতি: সামানী’

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

AEC 1st Semester Examination, 2024

**AEC - UENGAEL10001-COMPULSORY ENGLISH**

**ENHANCING READING AND WRITING SKILLS**

Time Allotted: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 30

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

1. Answer any *two* questions out of four: 5×2 = 10
  - (a) What impact do the daffodils have on the poet?
  - (b) Discuss the historical background of the poem ‘O Captain! My Captain!’
  - (c) Explain “Cause I walk like I’ve got oil wells pumping in my living room”.
  - (d) Explain how the poem ‘Where the Mind is without fear’ reflects Tagore’s ideals of education and intellectual freedom.
  
2. Answer any *two* of the following questions: 5×2 = 10
  - (a) “It’s better not to think about the others.” What does the old man mean by ‘the others’? Why does he say so?
  - (b) How did Gandhi save his client Parsi Rustomji?
  - (c) What is the conflict of “A Telephone Call” by Dorothy Parker?
  - (d) Comment on the final twist employed by O’ Henry in his story “The Gift of the Magi”.
  
3. Answer any *two* of the following questions: 5×2 = 10
  - (a) Compose an email to the editor of ‘The Statesman’ and request him to publish an article on the issue of ragging in institutions of higher education.
  - (b) Write a well structured paragraph on the topic ‘The Impact of Technology on Modern Education’.
  - (c) Write a report on a road accident.
  - (d) Write a CV as a candidate applying for the post of a school teacher.