



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours 1st Semester Examination, 2024

CC1-ENGLISH

ENGLISH LANGUAGE: OVERVIEW AND USAGE; LITERARY TYPES

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any *three* questions from the following: $10 \times 3 = 30$

- (a) Write a note on the Scandinavian influence on the English language.
- (b) How far do you agree that the latest influence from Latin and Greek on the English language is something between a hindrance and help? Elaborate.
- (c) Elaborate the main characteristics of the English language that may strike a foreigner.
- (d) Discuss Aristotle's notion of tragedy and its components.
- (e) Write a short note on the Ode as a poetic form.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any *two* questions from the following by writing short notes: $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Malapropism
- (b) Journalese
- (c) French military words
- (d) False etymology
- (e) Modern coinages.

GROUP-C

3. Name and explain the figures of speech in any *four* of the following: $3 \times 4 = 12$

- (a) Variety is the spice of life.
- (b) He drank the fatal cup.
- (c) Thus idly busy rolls their world away.
- (d) To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.
- (e) Much have I seen and known.
- (f) I loved a love once, fairest among women.

GROUP-D

4. Scan any *one* of the following, name the prevailing metre, and indicate variations if any: $8 \times 1 = 8$

- (a) Whose woods these are I think I know
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.
- (b) Why, why repine my pensive friend,
At pleasure slipped away?
Some the stern Fates will never lend,
And all refuse to stay.