



**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**  
B.A. Programme 1st Semester Examination, 2024

**DSC1/2-P1-ENGLISH**

**INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**Answer any five questions from the following**

$12 \times 5 = 60$

1. (a) Examine the appropriateness of the title of "Joothan".

**OR**

(b) What 'decisive turn' did Valmiki's father give to the boy's future?

2. (a) Address the problems of racism depicted in "Still I Rise".

**OR**

(b) Critically appreciate "Still I Rise".

3. (a) "Kallu" proves that people's attitudes are dictated by money — Discuss.

**OR**

(b) Critically examine the character and role of Mumani Jan.

4. (a) Justify the title of Virginia Woolf's "Shakespeare's Sister".

**OR**

(b) Consider "Shakespeare's Sister" as a feminist text.

5. (a) Critically comment on Tagore's handling of gender issues in "The Exercise Book".

**OR**

(b) Evaluate the character of Pyarimohan in Tagore's "The Exercise Book".

6. (a) Critically appreciate "General, Your Tank is a Powerful Vehicle".

**OR**

(b) Consider "General, Your Tank is a Powerful Vehicle" as a poem against oppression.

7. (a) How has Amitav Ghosh explored the idea of a legacy of violence in "The Ghosts of Mrs Gandhi"?

**OR**

(b) Describe the bus ride in which a possible victim of the riot is saved by fellow passengers.

8. (a) How, according to Naomi Klein, has the logo changed its status since the seventies?

**OR**

(b) Critically discuss the theme of Naomi Klein's "The Brand Expands".

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