



**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**  
B.Sc./B.Com. General Part-II Examination, 2020

**COMPULSORY ENGLISH**  
**PAPER-ENG C (Revised New Syllabus)**

**FOR SCIENCE AND COMMERCE**

Time Allotted: 1 Hour

Full Marks: 25

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

1. Answer any **one** of the following questions: 5×1 = 5
- (a) Describe the personal relationship between Parsi Rustomji and Gandhiji.
- (b) “This friend once got into a very bad scrape.” – Whom does ‘this friend’ refer to? How does he get into a ‘bad scrape’?
- (c) “I was only taking care of animals.” – Who is referred to here? What do you know about him?
- (d) “I was the last one to leave the town of San Carlos.” – Who is the speaker? To whom does he say this? Why does he leave the town?
- (e) What helps a porpoise to swim fast?
- (f) What evidence is there that porpoises were known as friendly creatures in Roman times?
2. Answer any **one** of the following questions: 5×1 = 5
- (a) “The ship has weathered every rack.” From where has this line been taken? What does the ‘ship’ refer to? Who has helped this ship to weather ‘every rack’?
- (b) “He was a man who used to notice such things?” Where does this line occur? What does the poet want to say here?
- (c) “He served the Greater Community.” Who is ‘he’ referred to here? How did he serve the ‘Greater Community’?
- (d) What does the poet drink in “Summer in Calcutta”? What is its effect on her?
3. Answer any **five** of the following questions: 1×5 = 5
- (a) What is the meaning of ‘Kelp’?
- (b) What is meant by ‘gaol’?
- (c) From which end does the ragged man enter the stage?
- (d) “You did me a good turn to-night and I’m obliged to you.” Who says this?

- (e) What is an assize?
- (f) “Her gown she wore was stained with gore.” What does ‘gore’ mean?
- (g) What is the meaning of the word ‘gale’?
- (h) Why does the sergeant call himself a fool?

4. (a) Write a letter to the editor of an English daily expressing your concern over the rising pollution in your town. 5

**OR**

(b) Lodge an FIR at the local police station, reporting the loss of your Voter ID Card. 5

**OR**

(c) Write a report on the celebration of World Environment Day (5<sup>th</sup> June) in your college. 5

**OR**

(d) Write a newspaper report on a road accident in your locality. 5

5. Make a Précis of the following passage and provide a suitable title to it. 5

It is evident that until doubt began, progress was impossible. For, as we have clearly seen, the advance of civilization solely depends on the acquisition made by the human intellect, and on the extent to which those acquisitions are diffused. But men who are perfectly convinced of the accuracy of their opinions will never take the pain of examining the basis on which they are built. They look always with wonder, on views contrary to those which they inherited, and when they are in this state of mind, it is impossible that they should receive any new truth which interferes with their conclusions. On this account, although the acquisition of fresh knowledge is the necessary precursor of every step in social progress, such acquisition must itself be preceded by a love of inquiry and therefore, by a spirit of doubt, because without doubt, there will be no knowledge, for knowledge is not an inert and passive principle, which comes to us, but the product of great labour and therefore, of great sacrifice.

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