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[এখানে প্রবন্ধের সারসংক্ষেপ বাংলায় লিখুন। এটি ১৫০-২৫০ শব্দের মধ্যে হতে হবে এবং ইংরেজি সারসংক্ষেপের অনুরূপ হতে হবে।]

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1. Introduction (ভূমিকা)

The introduction should set the stage for your research. Introduce the specific Bengali literary text, author, or genre you are analyzing. Clearly state your Research Question or Thesis Statement.

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