

U.G. 2nd Semester Examination - 2025**ENGLISH****[MINOR]****Course Code : ENG-MIN-T-101****(Language and Linguistics)****[NEP-2020]**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***GROUP-A**

1. Answer any five of the following questions :

2×5=10

- a) Define semivowels in English with an illustrative example of use in a word.
- b) Classify the phoneme /ʃ / with an illustrative example of use in a word.
- c) What is syntax? Explain with an example.
- d) With illustrative examples, explain primary accent and secondary accent.
- e) Give a three-term description of the phoneme /i:/.
- f) Explain CVC syllable structure with a suitable example.
- g) Define slang with a suitable example.
- h) Explain content words and form words.

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GROUP-B

2. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

5×2=10

- a) Give a phrase-structure analysis of the following sentence: "The shimmering lanterns hanging from the narrow alleyway entrances drew countless admirers, despite their fragile construction."
- b) Phonemically transcribe the following passage in R-P English: "The hen pecked at the pen. It spotted a fox. The fox crept. The hen flew up. The fox slunk off."
- c) Write a short note on phonetic change in English language with illustrative examples.

GROUP-C

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

10×2=20

- a) Discuss the maxims of quality and quantity in a conversation with appropriate examples.
- b) What do you mean by categories and constituents? Discuss with examples.
- c) Discuss the articulatory system in the production of speech sounds.
- d) Discuss lexical change in English language with suitable examples.