

U.G. 4th Semester Examination - 2026**ENGLISH****[MINOR]****Course Code : ENG-MN-T-2****[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.*

1. Answer any **five** of the following: 2×5=10
- a) What does Bacon call a person who delights in solitude?
 - b) What, according to Bacon, is the principal fruit of friendship?
 - c) What is Steele's immediate reaction to his mother's grief?
 - d) What, according to Steele, is the impact of childhood memories on a person's life?
 - e) What does Lamb call a female poor relation?
 - f) List two metaphors used by Lamb to introduce the concept of poor relations.

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- g) What is referred to as Queens' Gardens by Ruskin in his essay?
- h) Name two Shakespearean heroines mentioned by Ruskin.

2. Answer any **two** of the following: $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a) Write a short note on Bacon's idea of the contribution of true friendship to an individual's life.

OR

Discuss two instances of Charles Lamb's use of humour and irony in "Poor Relations."

- b) Examine the symbolism of the lamp in "The Doll's House."

OR

Analyse the aptness of the title of "A Retrieved Reformation."

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

$10 \times 2 = 20$

- a) "The Free Radio" is a satire on the Indian emergency. Discuss the statement.

OR

Critically analyse Maugham's use of a first-person narrator and the role of outsider perspective in his story "The Lotus Eaters".

- b) Critically discuss the character of Bhoobun Mohun from Dutt's *A Journal of Forty-Eight Hours of the Year 1945*.

OR

Critically analyse the symbolism used in *The Old Man and the Sea*.
