

U.G. 2nd Semester Examination - 2026

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

- i) What is the basic mode of human communication? Why is it called so?
- ii) What are the three parts of an ideal vocal communication?
- iii) With an illustrative example, explain how problems in communication may occur due to external disturbances affecting the channel of communication.
- iv) What is Historical Linguistics?

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- v) Explain the phrase: "In English, all speech sounds are produced by pulmonic egressive air-stream mechanism."
- vi) What is the difference in manner of articulation between consonants and vowels?
- vii) How are the voiceless sounds produced? Give an example in an English word.
- viii) Give an example of hybridism in lexical change in English.

GROUP-B

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

5×2=10

- i) Give a phrase-structure analysis of the following sentence: The old man in the garden watered the roses with a hose.
- ii) Phonemically transcribe the following passage in R-P English: Sarah couldn't find her keys this morning. She asked her brother if he'd seen them, but he said he hadn't. Ten minutes later, she found them in the bank of drawers by the door.
- iii) Write a short note on any two distinctive aspects of human language or communication.

GROUP-C

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

10×2=20

- a) Discuss how lect and register lead to varieties of any given language.
- b) Discuss the three varieties of non-standard language.
- c) What are the basic tenets of the syntactic structure of a language? Discuss with illustrative examples.
- d) What is a standard language? Name the stages through which a standard language has to pass through. Reflect critically on whether there is a Standard English.