

U.G. 4th Semester Examination - 2025**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) Name two pairs of friends from history Francis Bacon uses to explain the importance of friendship.
 - b) What does Bacon mean by a friend being a "second self"?
 - c) Why does Lamb call a poor relation "an imposter"?
 - d) What is Lamb criticising in his essay "Poor Relations"?
 - e) Who was the biggest influence on the author in his childhood as mentioned in the essay "Recollections of Childhood"?

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- f) Give the adjectives used by Steele to describe his home environment in childhood.
- g) Give two reasons for Ruskin's support of women's education.
- h) What kinds of power do women have according to John Ruskin?

2. Answer the following questions: $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a) Discuss the symbolism of the "Queen's Garden" in John Ruskin's essay.

OR

Discuss the role of memory in creating the adult personality of the author in Richard Steele's essay "Recollections of Childhood".

- b) Elucidate on Mansfield's use of imagery in "The Doll's House".

OR

Reflect on Jimmy Valentine's transformation in "A Retrieved Reformation".

3. Answer the following questions: $10 \times 2 = 20$

- a) Analyse the role of the narrator in Salman Rushdie's "The Free Radio".

OR

Discuss the character of Thomas Wilson as the Lotus Eater in Somerset Maugham's story.

- b) Discuss K. M. Chunder Dutt's speculative construction of an India of the future in "A Journal of Forty-Eight Hours of 1945".

OR

Critically analyse the relationship between man and nature which underlies the novel *The Old Man and the Sea*.