

B.A.(HS) Semester - 2 (NEP-2020) Examination**MARCH/APRIL-2025****ENG: The Four Skills for Communication -2 (Ability Enhancement Course)****Time: 1.00 Hours****Marks: 25****Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Figures to the right indicate marks.

Que.1(A) Choose the correct answer for the following questions. (Any Five) (05)

- 1) What is the setting of the story "*After Twenty Years*"?
(A) Park (B) Market
(C) Street (D) Railway station
- 2) What feeling is created by the description of the wet, cold night in "*After Twenty Years*"?
(A) Joy (B) Suspense
(C) Calmness (D) Excitement
- 3) Who is the writer of the story *The Tell-Tale Heart*?
(A) Edgar Allen Peo (B) O. Henry
(C) Robert Frost (D) Rabindranath Tagore
- 4) What does the "yellow wood" symbolize?
(A) Winter (B) Summer
(C) Autumn (D) Spring
- 5) How does the speaker describe the road he chooses?
(A) Well-worn (B) Less traveled by
(C) Covered in snow (D) Straight and easy
- 6) To whom is Rabindranath Tagore addressing his prayer in the poem?
(A) A political leader (B) A friend
(C) God or a higher power (D) A teacher
- 7) What is the central idea of Tagore's poem "*Where the Mind is without Fear*"?
(A) Importance of wealth (B) Necessity of obedience
(C) Power of fear (D) Freedom of the mind and spirit

Que.1(B) Answer the following questions in brief: (Any Two) (05)

- 1) What does the phrase "road not taken" represent?
- 2) What is the main theme of the story "*After Twenty Years*"?
- 3) How does the poet describe a world where the mind is fearless and knowledge is free?

Que.2(A) Develop a meaningful story from the given points. (05)

Two friends passing through a forest - a bear came - one friend climbed a tree – the friend could not climb the tree - helpless - lay down like a dead man - bear came near the man - thought he was dead - went away.

Que.2(B) Write a blog on the following topics from the given points. (Any Two) (05)

1) The Impact of Social Media on Youth:

Social influence - Pros & cons – Cyberbullying - Mental health - Responsible use - Online vs. offline balance

2) Healthy Lifestyle: A Step Towards a Happy Life:

Balanced diet - Exercise daily - Mental well-being - Good sleep - Stress management - Healthy habits

3) The Importance of English in Today's World:

English as a Global Language - Career Opportunities - Education & Research - Technology & the Internet - Travel & Communication - Personal Growth & Confidence

Que.3(A) Write a short note. (Any One) (03)

- 1) How does the ending of the story *After Twenty Years* make you think about the meaning of loyalty?
- 2) The central theme of "*Where the Mind is without Fear*"?

Que.4(B) Do as directed. (Any Two) (02)

- 1) When I was young, I ____ run very fast. (Write suitable Modal Auxiliary)
- 2) You ____ apologize for your mistake. (Write suitable Modal Auxiliary)
- 3) Wow ____ That was an amazing performance ____ (Add proper punctuation)
- 4) My brother said ____ I will come home early today ____ (Add proper punctuation)
