

B.A Semester - 6 (NEP-2020) Examination**March/April-2026****ENG: Learning English Through Literature (Ability Enhancement Course)****Time: 1:00 Hours****Marks:25****Instructions:**

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

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- Que.1 Answer the following questions in brief. (Any Four) (10)
- 1) Why was the village filled with tension and confusion at the beginning of the story?
 - 2) Explain how Osinda rescued Oganda and what plan he made for their escape?
 - 3) Why does the poet ask to 'stop here, or gently pass' when he sees the Solitary Reaper?
 - 4) How was the effect of the girl's song on the poet?
 - 5) Who is the Stranger, and why does he come to the house?
 - 6) How does the father react after learning the truth about the Stranger?
- Que.2(A) Answer the questions from the given paragraph. (Any Five) (05)
- Once upon a time, a clever monkey lived near a river on a jamun tree. A crocodile also lived in the same river and slowly became friends with the monkey. Every day, the monkey gave sweet fruits to the crocodile, who took them home for his wife. However, the crocodile's wife became greedy and wished to eat the monkey's heart, believing it would be sweeter than the fruits. Though unwilling at first, the crocodile finally agreed to trick the monkey. While crossing the river with the monkey on his back, the crocodile revealed his plan. The clever monkey did not panic and calmly said that he had left his heart on the tree. The crocodile swam back, and as soon as they reached the bank, the monkey jumped onto the tree and saved his life. Thus, wisdom and presence of mind helped the monkey escape danger.
- 1) Where did the monkey live?
 - 2) How did the monkey and the crocodile become friends?
 - 3) What made the crocodile's wife greedy?
 - 4) What plan did the crocodile make to harm the monkey?
 - 5) How did the monkey save his life?
 - 6) What moral lesson does the story teach?
- Que.2(B) Write a précis of the following paragraph in about one-third of its length. (05)
- Education plays a very important role in shaping the character and future of an individual. It not only provides knowledge of different subjects but also teaches discipline, moral values, and social responsibility. An educated person is better able to think logically, make wise decisions, and contribute positively to society. Education helps people to understand their rights and duties and makes them aware of social problems. It also improves employment opportunities and raises the standard of living. In a broader sense, education is the foundation of national development, as an educated society is more progressive, peaceful, and prosperous.
- Que.3 Attempt the following MCQs. (Any five) (05)
- 1) Who is the author of 'The Rain Came'?
(A) Grace Ogot (B) Nadine Gordimer (C) Wole Soyinka (D) Chinua Achebe
 - 2) The villagers believed that rain would come after:
(A) A festival (B) A sacrifice (C) A journey (D) A prayer meeting
 - 3) 'Lithuania' is a _____.
(A) Novel (B) Short story (C) Lyric poem (D) One-act play
 - 4) 'The Solitary Reaper' is a poem written by:
(A) John Keats (B) P. B. Shelley (C) William Wordsworth (D) S. T. Coleridge
 - 5) The word 'solitary' means:
(A) Angry (B) Alone (C) Weak (D) Noisy
 - 6) The meaning of the word 'melancholy' is:
(A) Happiness (B) Excitement (C) Sadness (D) Surprise
 - 7) The word 'prophecy' refers to:
(A) A story (B) A celebration (C) A prediction (D) A journey
