

B.Sc. Semester - 6 (NEP-2020) Examination**March/April-2026****ENG: Language and Fiction for Science Students (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 Attempt any two questions: (Any Two) (10)
- 1) Discuss the significance of the ending of the story 'The Nine Billion Names of God'.
 - 2) How does the story 'The Paper Menagerie' portray the mother-son relationship?
 - 3) Why did Margie dislike her school and mechanical teacher?
 - 4) Explain the condition imposed by the yogurt on humanity.
- Que. 2 (A) Write a precis of following paragraph in 1/3 of its length. (05)
- Time is one of the most valuable yet least appreciated resources available to human beings. Unlike material possessions, time once lost cannot be recovered. Despite this reality, many people waste time on unproductive activities, unaware of its long-term consequences. Poor time management often results in stress, inefficiency and failure to achieve goals. Effective use of time requires planning, discipline and prioritisation. Individuals who organise their tasks and set realistic goals are more likely to succeed both academically and professionally. Time management also enhances the quality of work, as tasks completed within deadlines are usually more focused and less hurried. In educational institutions, students frequently underestimate the importance of time management. Procrastination leads to last-minute preparation which affects performance and confidence. On the other hand, students who develop disciplined study habits experience reduced anxiety and improved learning outcomes. In today's fast-paced digital environment, distractions such as social media further challenge effective time utilisation. Therefore, cultivating time management skills has become more essential than ever. Recognising the value of time and using it wisely enables individuals to achieve personal satisfaction and long-term success.
- Que. 2 (B) Write a story from the following ideas in 250 words. (Any One) (05)
- A poor woodcutter – daily work near a river – axe falls into water – helplessness – divine appearance – golden axe shown – refusal – silver axe shown – refusal – real iron axe produced – acceptance – reward for honesty
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- A farming village – excessive use of chemicals – declining soil fertility – crop failure – concern among farmers – awareness programme – shift to organic methods – initial loss – long-term benefit – sustainable future
- Que. 3 Answer the following questions in one line: (05)
- 1) In which year is the story 'The Fun They Had' set?
 - 2) Who are the two computer technicians in the story 'The Nine Billion Names of God'?
 - 3) How does the yogurt communicate with humans?
 - 4) Who is the author of the story 'The Paper Menagerie'?
 - 5) Why do the monks want to use a computer?
 - 6) Who repaired Margie's mechanical teacher?
 - 7) What special gift does Jack's mother possess in the story 'The Paper Menagerie'?
