

2026

English (Minor)

Paper Code : EN-MN-6214

Paper Name : Non-Fiction

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 70

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Answer the following questions as directed : 1×10=10
 - a) According to Bacon, what is ambition like ?
 - b) Mention the issue number in which Addison discusses the aims of the Spectator.
 - c) Who, according to Hazlitt, is the "worst company in the world out of doors" ?
 - d) At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will wake to _____. (Fill in the blank)
 - e) Where did Martin Luther King Jr. deliver the *I Have a Dream* speech ?
 - f) In which year was Obama sworn in as the 44th President of the United States ?
 - g) How many passions inspired Russell's life ?
 - h) What was the name of Maya's brother ?
 - i) What is the full form of N.E.F.A ?
 - j) Who is the author of *Bonded by Bisleri* ?
2. Answer the following questions : 2×5=10
 - a) What is the potential danger of excessive ambition in Bacon's essay ?
 - b) What is Hazlitt's opinion on visiting historical sites and foreign countries ?

- c) What does Nehru mean by the service of India ?
 - d) Mention the two values Obama refer as the 'quiet force of progress' in his inaugural address.
 - e) In *Bonded by Bisleri*, how did the narrator known the girl was not Gujrati ?
3. Answer the following questions (*any four*) : 5×4=20
- a) What are the aims of the Spectator in Addison's essay ?
 - b) Why does Hazlitt see no wit in walking and talking at the same time ?
 - c) Comment on the themes of racial equality and justice in *I Have a Dream*.
 - d) What role did the grandmother play in Russell's life ?
 - e) What challenges did Elwin face during his journey to Tawang?
 - f) Why was the narrator hesitant to drink the glass of water in *Bonded by Bisleri* ?
4. Answer *any three* of the following questions : 10×3=30
- a) Analyse the advantages and disadvantages of ambition as presented by Bacon.
 - b) Discuss Hazlitt's preference for travelling alone.
 - c) Examine Nehru's vision of India as presented in *Tryst with Destiny*.
 - d) Give a character sketch of Sister Monro.
 - e) How did the Kutch earthquake prove to be a boon for the girl's family in *Bonded by Bisleri* ?
 - f) Discuss the spiritual experience of Elwin in *A Pilgrimage to Tawang*.

