

B.A Semester - 2 (NEP-2020) Examination**MARCH/APRIL-2026****ENG: Introduction to Literature -2 (Short Story Form) (Major-3)****Time: 2:00 Hours****Marks:50****Instructions:**

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

Que.1 Explain the growth and development of the short story as a literary form. (10)

OR

Que.1 Define a short story and discuss its main characteristics with suitable examples.

Que.2 Examine the contribution of Anton Chekhov to modern short fiction. (10)

OR

Que.2 Analyze the distinctive features of O. Henry's short stories with special reference to his use of irony and surprise endings.

Que.3 Discuss the theme of 'Mabel' by Somerset Maugham. (10)

OR

Que.3 Analyze the character of the banker in 'The Bet'. How does his attitude toward wealth and life change by the end of the story?

Que.4 Critically appreciate the story 'The Letter' by Gaurishankar Joshi. (10)

OR

Que.4 Analyze the significance of sacrifice and hope in 'The Last Leaf' by O. Henry.

Que.5 Write short notes. (Any Two) (10)

- 1) Any two types of short story
- 2) Leo Tolstoy
- 3) Irony in 'The Necklace'
- 4) Moral lesson in 'Too Dear'
