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BEGC-131

B. A. (GENERAL)

(BAG)

Term-End Examination

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BEGC-131 : INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *All questions are compulsory.*

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

Global warming is the gradual increase in Earth's average surface temperature, primarily driven by human activities. The burning of fossil fuels—such as coal, oil and natural gas—release significant amounts of greenhouse gases (GHGs) into the atmosphere. These gases, including carbon dioxide and methane, trap heat from the sun, creating a 'greenhouse

effect'. While this effect is essential for maintaining a habitable climate, excessive GHG emissions have led to harmful consequences for ecosystems and human societies.

One major impact of global warming is the melting of polar ice caps and glaciers, which contributes to rising sea levels. This poses a serious threat to coastal communities, increasing the risk of flooding and displacing millions. Additionally, global warming alters weather patterns, resulting in more extreme events like hurricanes, droughts, and heat-waves. These changes can disrupt ecosystems, harm agriculture, and lead to food and water shortages.

Biodiversity is also affected; many species struggle to adapt to rapid changes, leading to increased extinction rates. Coral reefs, for

example, are particularly vulnerable to rising ocean temperatures, causing widespread bleaching and loss of marine life.

To combat global warming, it is crucial to reduce GHG emissions. Transitioning to renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, can significantly decrease reliance on fossil fuels. Improving energy efficiency in homes and industries, along with practices like reforestation, are essential strategies.

Immediate action is necessary. Individuals, businesses, and governments must work together to implement solutions that protect the planet for future generations. The time to act is now, as the consequences of inaction will be felt for years to come.

Questions :

- (a) (i) What is the primary cause of global warming mentioned in the passage ? 2

- (ii) Name *two* greenhouse gases that contribute to the greenhouse effect. 2
- (iii) How does global warming affect polar ice caps and glaciers ? 2
- (iv) What is one consequence of rising sea levels on coastal communities ? 2
- (v) How does global warming impact weather patterns ? 2
- (vi) What are the *two* strategies mentioned for reducing greenhouse gas emissions ? 2
- (vii) Why is immediate action necessary to address global warming ? 2
- (viii) Give a suitable title to this passage. 1
- (b) Use the following words in sentences of your own : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (i) Gradual
- (ii) Disrupt
- (iii) Vulnerable
- (iv) Crucial
- (v) Implement

2. Match the words/phrases in Column A with their meanings in Column B : $1 \times 10 = 10$

Column A	Column B
(i) Hike	(a) Diseases
(ii) Transformation	(b) In earlier times
(iii) Phenomenon	(c) Skillful moving
(iv) Ailments	(d) Group of actors or singers who work together
(v) Surpassed	(e) A long walk, specially in the countryside
(vi) Classical	(f) Conservative
(vii) Erstwhile	(g) Change
(viii) Orthodox	(h) An unusual thing or happening
(ix) Maneuvering	(i) Related to traditional style of a country
(x) Troupe	(j) Exceeded

3. Fill in the blanks/rewrite as directed : 1×15=15

(i) He no English.

(Use either 'speak' or 'speaks')

(ii) Gandhiji non-violence.

(Use the correct form of 'preach')

(iii) I known him for five years.

(Use either 'has' or 'have')

(iv) I make the payment with my credit card ?
(Complete using 'Can' or 'Might')

(v) The news of the fest spread fast.

(Use the correct form of 'excite')

(vi) No one will speak, the Chief Guest.

(Use 'accept' or 'except')

(vii) Why you like Delhi ?

(Use either 'does' or 'do')

(viii) Where have you all day ?

(Use the correct form of 'be')

(ix) asked you to be in the hall ?

(Complete using 'What' or 'Who')

(x) Continue with assigned work.

(Complete using the correct article)

(xi) All students write their roll numbers. (Use 'could' or 'must')

(xii) You must stop smoking. You'll feel healthier.

(Rewrite as a conditional sentence)

(xiii) If the doctor visits tomorrow, he you. (Use the correct form of 'examine')

(xiv) The Governor will inaugurate this playground tomorrow.

(Rewrite changing into passive voice)

(xv) This house was built by my father.

(Rewrite changing into active voice)

4. You and your friend are planning to visit the National Museum. Write a dialogue in about **250** words discussing it. 15

5. Write a letter to your friend informing about a Blood Donation camp in your residential area.

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6. You have been invited to deliver a speech on “Animal Rights”. Write a speech in around **250** words informing students about animal welfare and care.

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7. Write an essay (in about **250** words) on the following topic :

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Folk Music of India

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