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BEGE-141

**B. A. HONOURS (ENGLISH)
(CBCS) (BAEGH)**

**Term-End Examination
December, 2024**

BEGE-141 : UNDERSTANDING PROSE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Attempt any **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Your answers should be in approximately **500** words, unless specified otherwise.*

1. Write short notes on any *two* of the following in about **250** words each : 2×10=20
 - (a) Narrative prose
 - (b) The art of letter writing
 - (c) Origin and development of biography
 - (d) Difference between prose and poetry

2. “As though life can be chopped into neat twelve-month parcels! It’s deeds, not years, that matter.” Narrate the character of Mother in the light of the above statement from Judah Waten’s story “Mother”. 20
3. Do you think Aitken is making fun of Indian politicians in *Travels by a Lesser Line* ? Give reasons for your answer. 20
4. Laurence was committed to the cause of nuclear disarmament. Comment with examples from her speech “My Final Hour”. 20
5. Discuss Strachey’s technique as a biographer from your reading of *Queen Victoria*. 20
6. What were Anne Frank’s early recollections of Jewish persecutions ? Discuss with reference to the excerpts from her diary. 20
7. Analyse the theme of “On Seeing England for the First Time”, by Jamaica Kincaid. 20

8. How effective is Nehru as a letter writer ?
Discuss with reference to “The Quest of
Man”. 20
9. Write a note on the use of irony in Bertrand
Russell’s Autobiography. 20

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