BEGLA–135

B. A. (GENERAL) / B. A. (VOCATIONAL STUDIES) MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (BAG/BAVMSME)

Term-End Examination

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BEGLA–135 : ENGLISH IN DAILY LIFE

Time : 3 Hours   *Maximum Marks : 100*

Note : *Attempt all questions.*

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

    Artificial Intelligence (AI), sometimes called as machine intelligence demonstrated by machines, in contrast to the natural intelligence displayed by humans and other animals. In computer science, AI research is

defined as the study of 'intelligent agents' : any device that perceives its environment and takes actions that maximise its chance of successfully achieving its goals. Colloquially, the term 'artificial intelligence, is applied when a machine mimics 'cognitive' functions that humans associate with other human minds such as 'learning' and 'problem solving'.

The scope of AI is disputed as machines become increasingly capable, tasks considered as requiring 'intelligence' are often removed from the definition, a phenomenon known as the AI effect leading to the quip, "AI is whatever has not been done yet." Capabilities, generally classified as AI as of 2017 include successfully understanding human speech, competing at the highest level in strategic game systems (such as chess and Go), autonomous cars, intelligent routing in content delivery network and military stimulations.

AI was introduced as an Academic discipline in 1956 and in the years since has experienced several faces and waves of 'optimism', followed by disappointment and the loss of funding (known as AI winter) followed by new approaches, success and removed funding.

The traditional problems (or goals) of AI research include reasoning, knowledge, representation, planning, learning, natural language processing, the ability to move and manipulate objects. Many tools are used in AI, including versions of search and mathematical optimization, artificial neural networks, and methods based on statistics, probability and economics.

(A) Answer the following questions :

    (i) What do you understand about Artificial Intelligence ? Give examples of AI in different fields. 3

(ii) Write the tools used in Artificial Intelligence. 2

(iii) Discuss briefly the traditional problems of AI research. 2

(iv) What does the writer mean by the term 'AI Winter' ? 2

(v) Give the suitable title to the passage. 1

(B) Make sentences of your own, using the words/phrases given below (Do not copy from the passage) : 5

(i) Artificial Intelligence

(ii) Cognitive function

(iii) Problem solving

(iv) Optimism

(v) Disappointment

(C) Pick out the words from the text which mean the same as the following words/phrases : 5

(i) Perceives (Para 1)

    (ii) Mimics (Para 1)

    (iii) Quip (Para 2)

    (iv) Waves of optimism (Para 3)

    (v) Planning (Para 4)

(D) Write a brief paragraph on the 'use of technology for effective learning'. (in about **100-150** words) 10

2. Write short notes on any *two* of the following in about **300-350** words each : 10+10

    (i) Young Leaders of Today

    (ii) The Smell of Food

    (iii) Challenges in Life

    (iv) Floating Markets of Thailand

    (v) Your Favourite Social Networking Sites

3. (a) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verbs given in the box : 5

> revolves, saw, were playing, has fallen, am doing

    (i) The earth .... round the sun.

(ii) Don't disturb me. I .... my homework.

(iii) My friends .... the PM yesterday.

(iv) It started to rain while we .... tennis.

(v) He .... asleep while he was driving.

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate subordinate clauses.

For example : I continued to play ....

I continued to play **until I was out**.   5

(i)   .... , I will buy you a new bike.

(ii)   .... , she will help me in cooking.

(iii)   .... , don't apply any where.

(iv)   .... , I cannot go for a trip.

(v)   .... , he behaves very nicely with the workers.

(c) Make sentences with the following idioms : 5

(i) Catch like wildfire

(ii) Having green fingers

(iii) Caught red handed

(iv) Back to pavillion

(v) At the eleventh hour

(d) Fill in the blanks with appropriate *modals* :

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(will, would, May, Might, should)

(i) "........... I submit my documents ?" asked the student.

(ii) It .... rain today.

(iii) If I won a game, I .... throw a party.

(iv) You .... follow the rules.

(v) I .... pass the exam.

4. (a) Write *two* adjectives to describe the following :   10

   (i)   Mahatma Gandhi

   (ii) Market place

   (iii) Taj Mahal

   (iv) Mother

   (v)   A trip

   (b) Write definitions explaining what jobs each of these people are involved in :   10

   (i)   Accountant

   (ii)   Software Engineer

   (iii) Home Maker

   (iv)   An Engineer

   (v)   A Chef

   (vi)   A Doctor

   (vii) A Skydiving Instructor

   (viii) Social Media Expert

   (ix)   A Leader

   (x)   A Civil Servant

5. (a) Write a dialogue between a salesman and a customer about the new I Phone in the market. Take about 10 turns each.   10

Or

(b) Write *five* diary entries in which you highlight the significant change in your behaviour after counselling sessions.

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