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BEGS–183

B. A. (GENERAL) (CBCS)

(BAG)

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

BEGS–183 : WRITING AND STUDY

SKILLS

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : *All questions are compulsory.*

1. Answer any **three** of the following in around

100 words each :

3×5=15

- (a) What strategies would you adopt to be a
‘critical reader’ ?

- (b) What do you understand by the term ‘gathering skills’ with reference to ‘study skills’ ? How do gathering skills help you to become a better learner ?
- (c) What strategies would help you to make a piece of persuasive writing effective ?
- (d) How can a flowchart be used to organise and present information ? Give an example.

2. Answer any *one* of the following (in around 200 words) : 10

How would you write an essay following the ‘process approach’ ?

Or

Describe the Cornell note-taking method.

3. Write a well-structured composition (with a clear beginning, body and conclusion) on the following topic : 7

“Creating awareness among school children about the importance of regular exercise and physical activity.”

4. Write a formal letter to the chief editor of a leading national newspaper, applying for the post of sub-editor. 5

5. The Students Council in your university has held a meeting to plan felicitation of teachers on Teachers’ Day. Write a short report of the meeting. 6

6. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :

Forest biological diversity refers to all life forms found within forested areas and the ecological roles they perform. Forest biodiversity encompasses not just trees, but the large

numbers of plants, animals and microorganisms that inhabit forest areas. Forest ecosystems are an important component of the world's biodiversity as many forests are more biodiverse than other ecosystems.

Deforestation and forest degradation continue to take place at alarming rates, which contributes significantly to the ongoing loss of biodiversity. Since 1990, it is estimated that 420 million hectares of forest have been lost through conversion to other landuses. The area of primary forest worldwide has decreased by over 80 million hectares since 1990.

Agricultural expansion continues to be the main cause of deforestation and forest degradation and the associated loss of forest biodiversity. Large-scale commercial agriculture accounted for 40 percent of deforestation in tropical countries between

2000 and 2010, and local subsistence agriculture accounted for another 33 percent.

Much of human society today has at least some interaction with forests and the biodiversity they contain and all people benefit from the functions provided by components of this biodiversity. In all countries, communities that live within forests rely directly on forest biodiversity for their lives and livelihoods, using products derived from forest resources for food, shelter, energy, medicine and income generation.

The conservation and sustainable management of forests is key to the conservation of the world's biodiversity and to the food security and well-being of the world's people. We should aim at achieving a realistic balance between conservation goals and demands for resources for livelihoods and well-being.

Questions :

- (a) (i) What is a 'topic sentence' ? 1
- (ii) In your opinion, which is the topic sentence in the above passage ?
Justify your answer. 1
- (b) Give a suitable title to the above passage. 1
- (c) Write a summary of the above passage in your own words (in around **75** words). 4

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