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BEGLA-138

BACHELOR OF ARTS (GENERAL) (BAG)

Term-End Examination

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BEGLA-138 : READING AND SPEAKING

SKILLS

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer all questions.

Section-A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Nagasaki

I put this as a question of history, because the history of this is known to few people.

The fission of uranium was discovered by two German scientists a year before the war. Within a few months, it was reported that Germany had forbidden the export of uranium from the mines of Czechoslovakia which she had just annexed. Scientists on the continent, in England and America asked themselves whether the secret weapon on which the Germans were said to be working was an atomic bomb. If the fission of uranium could be used explosively, it might in theory make an explosion a million times larger than hitherto. The monopoly of such an atomic bomb would give Hitler instant victory, and make him master of Europe and the world.

The scientists knew that scale of what they feared very well : They feared first

desolation and then slavery. With heavy hearts, they told Einstein what they knew of atomic fission. Einstein was pacifist and he did not easily put his conscience on one side. But he felt that a nation knows well whether one should use atomic bomb or not. On Aug. 2, 1939 a month before Hitler invaded Poland. Einstein wrote to President Roosevelt to tell him that he thought an atomic bomb might be made, and he feared that the Germans were trying to make one. The Nazis had made fundamental science a poor relation, and put it under the second rate party men with splendid titles. But there were not enough unconventional ideas in the German atomic projects.

In the city of Nagasaki when the writer was walking after the disaster of atomic bomb in 1945 his blood drained and it does so now when he speak of it. Now nine years later the hydrogen bomb is ready and it can turn each mile of destruction into ten miles.

Questions :

- (i) Describe the circumstances leading to the making of atomic bomb. 4
- (ii) When was hydrogen bomb ready for use ? 3
- (iii) What had drained the blood from the heart of the author ? 3

(iv) What was the main reason of the failure
of German scientists ? 4

(v) What was Albert Einstein's contribution ?
3

(vi) Who is pacifist according to the passage ?
3

2. Mark the stressed syllables in the following
sentences : 4×5=10

(a) Do you have any sisters ?

(b) They'll ask the teacher for help.

(c) He bought a car.

(d) Do your homework ?

(e) I've never heard of that before.

Section—B

1. What is literal comprehension ? Explain. 10

2. Describe the abilities one should have to access the reading speed ? 10
3. Discuss the main techniques of reading ? 10
4. What are the various stages of reading a text ? 10
5. Why is critical reading important ? 10

Or

Briefly discuss the general aims of developing reading skills.

Section—C

1. Write the dialogue of conversation between Sajawat Company's Customer Experience Manager Bashir and Kaushal Trivedi, Production-in-Charge for an order modification request from an old customer.

10

2. Write a brief telephonic conversation between Sonali and her father Mr. Majumdar. Sonali is studying in Delhi and her father is worried about how her daughter is living in Delhi in this winter. 10

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