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BEGS-183

BACHELOR OF ARTS (GENERAL)

(CBCS) (BAG)

Term-End Examination

December, 2025

BEGS-183 : WRITING AND STUDY SKILLS

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : *All questions are compulsory.*

1. Write short notes on any *three* of the following in around **100** words each :

3×5=15

(a) What are the strategies you would adopt to become a 'critical reader' ?

- (b) What is affixation ? How does affixation help in building new words ? Give *four* examples.
- (c) What aspects should be kept in mind while writing a descriptive passage ?
- (d) What are 'gathering skills' ? Why are gathering skills considered to be essential to become an efficient learner ?

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

- (a) Describe any *two* areas in English Grammar that are likely to be hard spots for learners of English as a second language.

Or

(b) Explain with suitable examples how flowcharts and tree diagrams can be used to present information.

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

**Preserving India's Historical
Monuments : Our Role as Citizens**

4. Write a formal letter to the head of your institution requesting leave for one week to attend a function in your home-town. 5
5. The Residents' Association in your colony has conducted a campaign to provide improved medical facilities to the elderly

people in the neighbourhood. Write a short report of the campaign. 6

6. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

The diversity of Indian forests is a reflection of the country's varied topography and climate. In the Western Ghats, lush tropical rainforests teem with life, while the deciduous forests of central India provide a canvas for the mesmerizing spectacle of the changing seasons. Along the coasts, the unique mangrove forests, such as the Sundarbans, provide protection from coastal erosion and support a rich web of life. The lofty Himalayan range hosts alpine forests,

while arid regions feature dry forests, each with its own set of flora and fauna.

While India's forests are an ecological marvel, they are not without their challenges. Deforestation, habitat fragmentation, illegal logging, and poaching pose significant threats to these vital ecosystems. The country's ever-growing population and its demands for land, resources, and development often come into conflict with the preservation of forests.

To combat these challenges, India has implemented several initiatives and conservation efforts. The National Forest

Policy of 1988 underscores the importance of conserving and protecting forests for ecological stability and sustainable development. The Green India Mission and the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act are other steps taken to promote afforestation and biodiversity conservation.

Additionally, the Indian government has declared various regions as protected areas and established a network of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.

Questions :

- (i) (a) What is a 'topic sentence'? 1

- (b) In the above passage, which is the topic sentence in your opinion ? $\frac{1}{2}$
- (c) Explain why you identify this as the 'topic sentence' of the passage. $\frac{1}{2}$
- (ii) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1
- (iii) Write a summary of the above passage in your own words (around **75** words). 4

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