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BEGC-131

B. A. (GENERAL)

(BAG)

Term-End Examination

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BEGC-131 : INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : All questions are compulsory.

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

The Himalayas, often called the 'Roof of the World', is a great mountain range in Asia that stretches across five countries—India, Nepal, Bhutan, China and Pakistan. This range is over 1,500 miles long and is home

to some of the tallest mountains on Earth, including Mount Everest, which rises to 29,032 feet, making it the highest peak in the world.

The Himalayas were formed about 50 million years ago when the Indian tectonic plate collided with the Eurasian plate. This collision created the massive mountains we see today. The region is not only beautiful but also full of diverse plants and animals. Many of these species can only be found in the Himalayas due to the different climates and altitudes. You can find lush green forests in the lower areas and cold, dry lands at higher elevations.

These mountains are also very important for water supply. Major rivers, such as the Ganges, Indus, and Brahmaputra, originate in these mountains, providing fresh water for agriculture, drinking, and industry across the Indian subcontinent. These rivers are central to the livelihoods of millions, supporting farming and sustaining ecosystems.

Culturally, the Himalayas are significant, featuring many sacred sites and pilgrimage routes that attract visitors and worshippers alike. The mountains are intertwined with the spiritual belief of local communities, making them a symbol of both natural beauty and cultural heritage.

However, the Himalayas face serious challenges, such as climate change, deforestation, and melting glaciers. These problems threaten the environment and the lives of people living in the region. Protecting the Himalayas is crucial for the future so that they can continue to inspire and support life.

Questions :

- (a) (i) How long is the Himalayan mountain range ? 2
- (ii) What is the highest mountain in the Himalayas ? 2
- (iii) Which rivers begin in the Himalayas ? 2

- (iv) Why are the Himalayas important
for water supply ? 2
- (v) What challenges do the Himalayas
face ? 2
- (vi) How were the Himalayas formed ? 2
- (vii) Why are the Himalayas considered
culturally significant ? 2
- (viii) Give a suitable title to this
passage. 1
- (b) Use the following words in sentences of
your own : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (i) Collision
- (ii) Elevation
- (iii) Originate
- (iv) Intertwined
- (v) Crucial

2. Match the words/phrases in Column 'A' with their meanings in Column 'B' : $1 \times 10 = 10$

Column 'A'	Column 'B'
(i) Pilgrimage	(a) Easily available
(ii) Embarked	(b) Most successful/ important
(iii) Insurmountable	(c) Kindness
(iv) Ailments	(d) Journey to a holy place for a religious reason
(v) Undermine	(e) Moving from one area to another
(vi) Accessible	(f) Which cannot be overcome
(vii) Migratory	(g) Set out on
(viii) Yarn	(h) Diseases

- (ix) Leading (i) Thread for
making cloth
- (x) Compassion (j) Weaken
gradually

3. Fill in the blanks/rewrite as directed :

$$1 \times 15 = 15$$

- (i) He to visit here as a guest.

(Use either 'want' or 'wants')

- (ii) Every child has a right to

(Use the correct form of 'educate')

- (iii) anything interesting happened ?

(Use either 'Has' or 'Have')

- (iv) I make a few suggestions ?

(Complete using 'Can' or 'Might')

- (v) One of the principles of life is to be honest.

(Use the correct form of 'abide')

- (vi) This shop all major credit cards. (Use 'except' or 'accept')

- (vii) your laptop work ?

(Use either 'Do' or 'Does')

- (viii) Have you to the library ?

(Use the correct form of 'be')

- (ix) are you reading these days ?

(Complete using 'What' or 'Who')

- (x) Please close windows.

(Complete using the correct article)

- (xi) All students be present for the test. (Use 'could' or 'must')

(xii) I have a lot of money. I can buy a car.

(Rewrite as a conditional sentence)

(xiii) If the doctor visits tomorrow, he
you.

(Use the correct form of 'examine')

(xiv) The teacher will announce the result
tomorrow.

(Rewrite changing into passive voice)

(xv) This meal was prepared by my mother.

(Rewrite changing into active voice)

4. Write a dialogue between you and your friend, planning a visit to the Taj Mahal, in about **250** words. 15
5. Write a letter to the local civic authority requesting them to promote proper garbage disposal in your area. 10

6. Write a speech to be delivered in a Youth Camp about "Drug Abuse : Evil in Society" in about **250** words. 15

7. Write an essay (in about **250** words) on the following topic : 15

Impact of Television on Family Life

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