

BACHELOR IN ENGLISH HONOURS
(CBCS) (BAEGH)

Term-End Examination

June, 2025

BEGE-141 : UNDERSTANDING PROSE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer any **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Your answer should be in approximately **500** words each, unless specified otherwise.

1. Write short notes on any *two* of the following in about **250** words each : 2×10=20
 - (a) Descriptive prose
 - (b) Forms of prose

- (c) Difference between biography and autobiography
- (d) What is a speech ?
2. Summarize the main ideas given in Jawaharlal Nehru's *The Quest of Man*. 20
3. “ ‘Shooting an Elephant’ reveals the evil effects of imperialism on the rulers (narrator) and the ruled (the Burmese people).” Discuss. 20
4. “Chekov's story 'Misery' deals with human insensitivity to other people's grief.” Do you agree ? Give a reasoned answer. 20
5. Outline the horrors of the Holocaust as can be perceived through Anne Frank's diary. 20
6. Write a detailed note on Bertrand Russell's relationship with his grandmothers, Lady Russell and Lady Stanley, as seen from his *Autobiography*. 20

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7. Discuss Strachey's technique as a biographer from your reading of the excerpt from *Queen Victoria*. 20
8. Discuss Laurence's committment to social causes as seen in her speech "My Final Hour". 20
9. Write a note on Bill Aitken's observations about the cultural divide between the North and the South from your reading of *Travels by a Lesser Line*. 20

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