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**BACHELOR OF ARTS (GENERAL)
(BAG)**

Term-End Examination

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**BEGLA-137 : LANGUAGE THROUGH
LITERATURE**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Attempt all questions.*

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

Playing the English Gentleman

My faith in vegetarianism grew on me from day to day. Salt's book, Howard William's Jute Ethics of Diet, Dr. Anna

Kingsford's *The Perfect Way in Diet* and Dr. Allison's writings on health and diet were very helpful for me.

I persisted in my objections to meat eating, but when my friend came to know about my interest in books on vegetarianism, he made an effort to reform me. One day he invited me at Holbom restaurant. The first course was soup. I wondered and asked the waiter about the dish. My friend saw this and passionately exclaimed "You are too clumsy for decent society." 'If you can't behave yourself, you had better go.'

Afterwards I undertook all too impossible task of becoming an English gentleman.

I wasted ten pounds on an evening suit made in Bond Street; and told my brother to send me double watch-chain of gold. I learnt the art of knotting tie, and wasted ten minutes every day before a huge mirror on parting my hair in correct fashion. For looking more English gentleman I took lessons in dancing French and elocution. I also thought to play a violin in order to cultivate an ear for western music.

My piano teacher recommended Bell's Standard Elocutionist as the text-book. But Mr. Bell rang the bell of alarm in my ear and I awoke. I thought if I had not to spend a lifetime in England, what then was the

use of learning elocution ? I was a student and ought to go on with my studies. I should qualify myself to join the Inns of Court. If my character made a gentleman of me, so much the better, otherwise I should forego the ambition.

Questions :

- (i) How did Gandhi become interested in experiments in diet ? 2
- (ii) What changes did Gandhi introduce in his style of living in order to become polished ? 2
- (iii) What things did Gandhi decide to learn in order to become an English gentleman ? 2

(iv) How did Gandhi realize his mistake ? 2

(v) What else did he have to learn to
cultivate an ear for western music ? 2

2. Write short notes in about **150** words each
on any *two* of the following : 10×2=20

(a) Assonance

(b) Rhyme

(c) Onomatopoeia

(d) Alliteration

3. Identify and explain the figure of speech in
the following sentences : 5

(a) The river snakes its way through the
mountains.

(b) He is skilled at twisting another
person's arm.

- (c) I enjoy reading Shakespeare.
- (d) He is as brave as a lion.
- (e) My words fly up, my thoughts remain below.

4. Match the modal verbs/phrases with their meanings : 10

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|---------------|-------------------------|
| (a) May be | (i) Obligation |
| (b) Should be | (ii) Possible |
| (c) Need to | (iii) Nearly impossible |
| (d) Can't be | (iv) Necessity |
| (e) Must be | (v) Almost certain |

5. Complete the sentences by using the correct

form of words given below : 10

(a) The of all his sentences is very clumsy. (construct)

(b) the orientation programme was very well planned. (General)

(c) we stand. Divide we fall. (Unite)

(d) At the conclusion of the meeting, the summarized the main points.

(chair)

(e) If you want to loose weight, you must exercise. (faith)

6. Fill in the blanks below with the most appropriate idioms given in the box : 10

Bigger fish to fry ; go the extra mile; at the 11th hour; wild goose chase; turned a deaf ear.

- (a) He was willing to for his true love, Suhani.
- (b) Please don't bother me with any calls, I have
- (c) Catching two criminals at the busy road is no less than
- (d) He reached the railway station
- (e) Her mother always complained of her study but she always towards that.

7. Use correct articles in the following sentences : 10

- (a) He gave me pen and inkpot.
- (b) Gold is yellow metal.
- (c) artist painted this picture.
- (d) This is ibex.
- (e) My father is MBA.

8. (a) Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate linking words : 5

- (i) The day tomorrow is Monu's birthday.
- (ii) I will give you money you need it.
- (iii) The radio won't stop you turn it off.

- (iv) It looks it's going to rain.
- (v) all her faults, everyone likes her.

(b) Name the rhetorical device used in the following sentences : 10

- (i) Murmuring sound of water was very attractive.
- (ii) It was the best of time, it was the worst of time.
- (iii) They taught like cats and dogs.
- (iv) Has Mike got wheels ?
- (v) The minister of the crown.

9. Define the following giving suitable examples : 10

- (a) Metonymy

- (b) Irony
- (c) Synecdoche
- (d) Symbol
- (e) Allegory

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