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BEGS-183

BACHELOR OF ARTS (GENERAL)

(CBCS) (BAG)

Term-End Examination

June, 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 homonyms ? Give at least *four* examples of homonyms.

- (b) What do you understand by the term ‘synthesising’ ? How does ‘synthesising’ become an important step in the process of writing ?
- (c) Why is it important to edit/proof-read your writing ?
- (d) How is expository writing different from argumentative writing ? Give examples of both.

2. Answer any *one* of the following in around

200 words :

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- (a) How would you write an essay following the process approach ? Briefly explain the various steps involved.

Or

- (b) What are the *three* major types of ‘study skills’ ? How do such skills help us to become better learners ?
3. Write a well-structured composition (with a clear beginning, body and conclusion) on the following topic : 7

**Urgent measures and steps to be taken
for water conservation**

4. Write a formal letter to the Principal of your college requesting that computer facilities in the campus may be improved and updated. 5
5. The Student Council of your college has conducted a campaign to improve the reading habits of young children in a

neighbouring school. Write a brief report of the meeting. 6

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

Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns. Such shifts can be natural, due to changes in the sun's activity or large volcanic eruptions. But since the 1800s, human activities have been the main driver of climate change, primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas.

Burning fossil fuels generates greenhouse gas emissions that act like a blanket wrapped around the Earth, trapping the

sun's heat and raising temperatures. The main greenhouse gases that are causing climate change include carbon dioxide and methane. Energy, industry, transport, building, agriculture and landuse are among the main sectors causing greenhouse gases.

Climate scientists have showed that humans are responsible for virtually all global heating over the last 200 years. Human activities like the ones mentioned above are causing greenhouse gases that are warming the world faster than at any time in at least the last two thousand years. Many people think climate change mainly means warmer

temperatures. But temperature rise is only the beginning of the story. Because the Earth is a system, where everything is connected, changes in one area can influence changes in all others. The consequences of climate change now include, among others, intense droughts, water scarcity, severe fires, rising sea levels, flooding, melting polar ice, catastrophic storms and declining biodiversity.

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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