

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term-End Examination

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ELECTIVE COURSE : ENGLISH

EEG-4 : ENGLISH FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES

Time : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Note : Answer *all* questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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

In 1877, to celebrate the centennial anniversary of America's independence from England, the French government presented the United States with a colossal statue that has come to be one of the most beloved symbols of America. The gift was presented in honor of the alliance between France and America during the Revolutionary War. The formal name of the figure is *Liberty Enlightening the World*, but it is almost universally known as the Statue of Liberty.

Since the French government donated the money for the project, French sculptor Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi and engineer Gustav Eiffel were put in charge of the design. The massive

structure was assembled in Paris, where it was put on exhibition before being dismantled, then shipped to New York and finally reassembled on Bedloe Island, which was later renamed Liberty Island.

The statue is made of thin copper sheets, each just a tenth of an inch thick. They are riveted to an iron framework, which forms the shape of the statue. The statue itself is 151 feet tall, but it stands on top of a large pedestal made of concrete and granite, which was designed by American architect Richard Morris Hunt. The total height of the statue and the pedestal is 305 feet, making it a spectacular sight on the New York City skyline, visible from miles away. The statue holds a torch in one hand, which is meant to symbolize liberty. In the other hand, the figure clutches a book, upon which the date of America's declaration of independence, July 4, 1776, is marked.

Due to the difficulty and expense of working on an isolated island, construction took nearly a decade. After the statue was completed in 1886, President Grover Cleveland came to New York to preside over the dedication ceremony. After the unveiling, the Statue of Liberty became a beacon of freedom for both newly arriving immigrants and longtime city dwellers. But after decades of exposure to pollution and harsh ocean air, time had taken its toll on Lady Liberty, as the statue is

and sold for sugar, molasses and gold. The molasses and sugar were shipped to the colonies and distilled into rum. Another profitable route took colonial fish grain and lumber to the West Indies. Here they were exchanged for sugar and molasses, which then went to Britain to be exchanged for manufactured goods needed in the colonies.

(a) Say whether the following statements are True or False : 5

- (i) All the colonies had a direct trade relationship with Britain.
- (ii) Britain exported sugar and other goods manufactured there.
- (iii) The traders between different colonies often had to ignore the Navigation Acts.
- (iv) West Africa was the only colony from where gold was obtained.
- (v) West Indies had a good market for slaves.

(b) (i) What do you understand by 'triangular trade route' ? 10

- (ii) Why did the colonial traders have to develop triangular trade routes ?
- (iii) What do you understand by 'unfavourable balance of trade' ?

- (iv) Why is Badloe Island called the Liberty Island ?
- (v) When did America achieve independence and from who ?
- (vi) What is the significance of the torch in the hand of the statue of Liberty ?
- (c) Fill in the blanks with suitable words/ phrases : 3
- (i) The statue of Liberty is also called
(a) _____ (b) _____
- (ii) The construction of the statue took _____ years because of _____ on the isolated Island.
- (iii) The statue lost its beauty because of _____ and _____ .

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

Because the colonies had an unfavourable balance of trade with Britain they had a constant need for specie to pay for imported British goods. To obtain specie, colonial merchants developed trade through various triangular trade routes, many of which violated the Navigation Acts since they involved direct trade with foreign nations. One popular route took colonial-made rum to west Africa where it was exchanged for slaves as well as gold. The slaves were then taken to West Indies

sometimes called. A full century after the dedication, a restoration effort was launched to repair damage from age and the elements. Funded by both the French and American governments, the renovation of the statue required enclosing it in a scaffold while workers renovated the copper sheeting and replaced the glass torch with a gold one. The newly restored monument was unveiled a few years later, as vibrant and inspiring as ever.

- (a) Say whether the following statements are True or False : 5
- (i) America achieved independence in the year 1877
 - (ii) The statue of Liberty was designed by Richard Morris Hunt.
 - (iii) France presented a 305 feet tall statue to America.
 - (iv) Presently the statue of Liberty has a golden torch in one hand.
 - (v) The new renovated statue is not even a shadow of the original one.
- (b) (i) What is the significance of the year 1877 in the history of America ? 12
- (ii) Why did France present the colossal statue to America ?
 - (iii) How did France express its solidarity with America for the cause of freedom ?

- (iv) What did the traders get from Africa in return for rum ?
- (v) What did Britain export to the colonies ?
- (c) Find words from the passage similar in meaning to the following words/phrases :
traders, regular, act contrary, lucrative, wood, 5
3. Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following : 20
- (i) The future of I T Industry in India.
- (ii) Reservation in higher educational institutions.
- (iii) The advantages and disadvantages of distant education.
4. Write a dialogue in about 200 words : 20
- Two friends are discussing the pros and cons of mechanized farming in the Indian context.
5. As a Regional Marketing Manager of a company manufacturing farm equipment, you have been asked to investigate the reasons for the drastic fall in the sale of tractors of your company. Write a report in about 250 words. 20