

EEG-1/BEGE-101

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term-End Examination

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ELECTIVE COURSE : ENGLISH-1

EEG-1/BEGE-101 : LANGUAGE THROUGH LITERATURE / FROM LANGUAGE TO LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

(Weightage 70%)

Note : Answer any **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) Read the following poem and answer the questions given at the end : 10

She, the river,

said to him, the sea:

All my life

I've been dissolving myself

and flowing towards you

for your sake

in the end it was I
who turned into the sea
a woman's gift
is as large as the sky
but you went on
worshipping yourself
you never thought
of becoming a river
and merging
with me

- (i) What does 'becoming a river' mean ? 3
- (ii) What is the meaning of the phrase 'worshipping yourself' ? 3
- (iii) From whose point of view is the poem written ? 2
- (iv) What literary device has the poet used to express herself ? 2
- (b) Define the following giving suitable examples : 10
- (i) Onomatopoeia
- (ii) Simile
- (iii) Allegory
- (iv) Understatement
- (v) Irony

2. (a) Add prefixes to the following words to form negatives :

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- (i) playable
- (ii) credit
- (iii) judicial
- (iv) legible
- (v) proper

(b) Use the following words as directed in sentences of your own :

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- (i) advocate (as verb)
- (ii) humble (as verb)
- (iii) select (as adjective)
- (iv) fall (as noun)
- (v) sea (in a compound word like basketball)

(c) Fill in the blanks choosing suitable phrases (in their correct form) from the list given below :

get over, get at, get around, get through,
get into, get off

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- (i) We must try to _____ the truth.
- (ii) It is not easy to _____ the examination.
- (iii) Clever people can often _____ the tax laws.
- (iv) Did your daughter _____ the final three places ?
- (v) Sooner or later you will _____ the shock.

3. (a) Correct the following sentences :

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- (i) Entrance to the show is by tickets.
- (ii) We enjoyed at the picnic very much.
- (iii) I am thinking she is all right.
- (iv) She has no any information about the matter.
- (v) Would you like going out for swim ?

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

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- (i) My wife hails _____ Rohtak but I belong _____ Gurgaon.
- (ii) Many young couples have no time to look _____ their old parents.
- (iii) You mustn't joke _____ him _____ religion.
- (iv) I am very enthusiastic _____ theatre but I am not good _____ acting.
- (v) Education should be geared _____ the needs of the children.
- (vi) Government must look _____ the death of farmers.
- (vii) She took _____ him as soon as they met.

4. (a) Read the passage below and point out the literary and rhetorical devices used in it.

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“A man who calls his kinsmen to a feast does not do so to save them from starving. They all have food in their own homes. When we gather together in the moonlit village ground it is not because of the moon. Every man can see it in his own compound. We come together because it is good for kinsmen to do so. You may ask why I am saying all this. I say it because I fear for the younger generation, for you people.” He waved his arm where most of the young men sat. “As for me, I have only a short while to live, and so have Uchendu and Unachukwu and Emefo. But I fear for you young people because you do not understand how strong is the bond of kinship. You do not know what it is to speak with one voice. And what is the result ? An abominable religion has settled among you. A man can now leave his father and his brothers. He can curse the gods of his fathers and his ancestors, like a hunter’s dog that suddenly goes mad and turns on his master. I fear for you; I fear for the clan.”

- (b) Add prefixes/suffixes to the following words and use them as directed : 10
- (i) create (as abstract noun)
 - (ii) poetic (as a verb)
 - (iii) lyric (as a noun that means a writer of songs)
 - (iv) nostalgia (as adjective)
 - (v) friend (as adjective)

5. (a) Insert suitable articles in the following passage wherever necessary : 5

One of _____ boys asked him why he chose _____ name Venu for himself. "Because," he said, "I am that, _____ flute. _____ creator of music is someone else, I am only _____ instrument."

- (b) Insert suitable conjunctions in the blanks : 5
- (i) I try to protest _____ my companions who insist _____ I accept the offer.
 - (ii) _____ this was done, they went through the complicated process of settling a marriage.
 - (iii) _____ I say no to them, they think I am hard-hearted.
 - (iv) She couldn't be expected to cook and eat _____ her husband starved.

(c) Identify the figure of speech in each of the following sentences : 10

- (i) I have read the entire Premchand.
- (ii) The Earth had decreed that they were an offence on the land and must be destroyed.
- (iii) He felt a relief within as the hymns poured into his parched soul.
- (iv) They have cast you out like a leper.
- (v) He went to eternal sleep rather quietly.

6. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : 2×10=20

- (i) Expressing different degrees of politeness
- (ii) Metaphor
- (iii) Assonance
- (iv) Hyperbole

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