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B.A. (Previous)Examination 2010
EEG-01/BEGE-101
(Elective Course) From Language to Literature

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Attempt all questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

7 Marks

Happiness, after all, is an inner state of mind. It is little dependent on outside environment. Happiness has very little to do, for instance, with whether you are rich or not rich. Some of the most miserable persons I have come across in my life are rich people. It is true that poverty makes one miserable in a very acute way. But my point is that it is not wealth but co-ordination of one's thought and action which removes inner conflicts. It is in that way that integration of personality is achieved.

We were engaged, as you know, in a very great movement in India. Because that movement was intimately concerned with the freedom of India, I was led to wonder what exactly is India. I knew, of course, the geography of India. I knew many other odd facts about India, too. I was not prepared to accept it on faith that because I was born in India, therefore India was the greatest country in the world. That is the kind of folly in which the people of every country indulge.

There are quite enough people in India who think that India is obviously the greatest country. In the days when we were politically subject and could not take much pride in our political condition, we prided ourselves on our spiritual greatness. Having nothing else to get hold of we took refuge in spirituality.

If you go to other countries – I shall not name them as I do not wish to cause offence – you will find the people there think that their country is the chosen country, the torch-bearer of civilisation, the most advanced country, the most revolutionary country, the country with the biggest buildings, the country with something unique, some mission, or other. It is natural for one to like one's country and one's own people. It would be unnatural not to do so. It is good to be a little proud of one's own country. But it is wrong to start imagining that we are the highest and the best in the world. The fact is that every country and every people have admirable points about them; they have great achievements to their credit, and they have also bad periods in their history. This applies not to countries only but to individuals. Nobody is perfect; he has weaknesses and failings. Nobody is thoroughly bad either. We are all mixtures of good and evil. But we should try to further the good in ourselves and in others.

(From Jawahar Lal Nehru: 'Opportunity for Youth'.)

- i. How does Nehru define happiness and prove that it does not depend on one being rich?
- ii. How is integration of personality achieved?
- iii. What is the folly the people of every country indulge in?
- iv. What did we take pride in when we were under foreign rule?
- v. Explain the phrases – 'to get hold of' and 'took refuge in'.
- vi. Explain the phrases – 'chosen country' and 'torchbearer'.
- vii. Give two meanings of the word 'subject' and specify its meaning in paragraph 3.

1. (B) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with words from the list below.

7 Marks

- lame nestled icy beast shadow wreathed swallowed
- I ----- close to her.
 - Death lays his ----- hands on kings.
 - Youth is nimble, age is -----.
 - Life is but a walking -----.
 - His face was ----- in smiles.
 - The hungry river----- down everything.
 - The ----- in man may wake up, if he has too much money.

2. (A) Insert a preposition in the blanks if necessary.

7 Marks

- I promised ----- him a share ----- the profits.
- He told lies ----- his friends.
- You must try to get ----- home ----- time ----- dinner.
- The crowd threw stones ----- the police; the police replied -----firing teargas shells ----- them.
- He was so afraid ----- missing the train that he reached ----- station three hours ----- the arrival time ----- the train.
- I'm interested ----- cricket but I'm not very good ----- it.
- what are you thinking?

(B) Give a single word substitute for one of the following. The word you give should have a prefix.

7 Marks

- not honest
- to give power or lawful right to
- to give the charge of something with complete trust
- lack of gratitude
- too good to be imitated
- to cause to lose heart
- to make a friend of

3. (A) Say which figure of speech is used in the following sentences.

7 Marks

- Gandhiji wanted his followers to face life like soldiers.
- Eternal spirit of the chainless mind.
- You have entertained us enough.
- Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter.
- Parting is such sweet sorrow.
- War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength.
- Singest of summer in full throated ease.

3. (B) Choose the correct word out of the two given in the brackets and fill in the blanks.

7 Marks

- Le Corbusier, a Frenchman, was the ----- of Chandigarh. (builder/architect)
- The vulture is flying over the field, looking for its ----- . (prey/victim)
- The ----- made an attractive signboard showing the way to our college. (artist/painter)
- Assam has a large wildlife ----- . (sanctuary/colony)
- What is the city ----- doing about the repair of roads? (corporation/municipality)
- President Reagan of the USA and President Gorbachov of the USSR discuss important matters with the help of ----- . (translators/interpreters)
- His relatives got him admitted to an/a ----- because he had been behaving abnormally. (asylum/reformatory)

4. (A) Use each of the following words in sentences first as nouns and then as verbs.

7 Marks

address, cable, coil, sound, pitch, charm, subject

4. (B) Spot the odd words in each group: that is , the one which does not belong to the group.

7 Marks

- i. potatoes, oranges, cauliflower, cabbage
- ii. apples, oranges, melons, spinach
- iii. kitten, calf, cub, baby, dog
- iv. perfume, fragrance, stench, aroma, scent
- v. bus, motor, car, airliner, motorcycle, truck
- vi. ambulance, truck, goods train, cargo ship
- vii. hockey, football, baseball, cricket, swimming

5. (A) Fill in the blanks below using the most suitable word in its correct form from the list given below.

7 Marks

trudge, stay, catch, speak, burn, roam, hire, hold, stride, scald

- i. Let's ----- to Mr Gupta about the failure of the programme.
- ii. The dacoits ----- down his house.
- iii. See what you have done! You have ----- your hands with hot oil.
- iv. I live in Nagpur but at present I am ----- with a friend in Delhi.
- v. Mike Gatting ----- the ball that Gavaskar had hit.
- vi. The soldiers ----- through the dense bushes.
- vii. She ----- along the street to reach the hospital quickly.

5. (B) Using the appropriate suffix change the following words into the part of speech noted against them.

7 Marks

sympathy - verb
justify – abstract noun
decorate – adjective
deaf – verb
able – abstract noun
public – adverb
explode - noun