

**BDP / BCA / BTS**

**Term-End Examination**

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**FEG-1/BEGF-101 : FOUNDATION COURSE IN  
ENGLISH-1**

*Time : 2 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 50*

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**Note : Answer all questions.**

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

The dictionary defines luck as good fortune, events in life that cannot be controlled and seem to happen by chance. There are often too many people who explain their failures and ascribe them to ill luck. "Lady luck did not favour me." "I ran into major bad luck." "I am one of the unlucky ones around not to have landed a promotion" and several other statements like that. The idea in a defeatist mind is merely to pin the blame on bad luck instead of working out the real reasons behind the failure. Luck is a very small component of any outcome and has little say. But, on the contrary, the factor has been wrongly understood as a miraculous property that will bring about success against all odds, including indolence and apathy.

The prerequisites of success are actually sound vision, diligence, being passionate about goals, striving to build lasting relationships, enduring efforts at self-improvement, self-discipline and taking risks without them being quixotic. Beyond that, all that remains is luck. Edison had defined genius thus : one percent inspiration, 99 percent perspiration. It is now a cliché but there is nothing else that captures the spirit of the theme as this does. People who seemingly are the world's envy and possess much of the world's wealth, were not merely lucky. These are the people who have worked hard at arriving where they are currently and have kept it that way. The successful people work hard to put themselves into a position where good fortune can find them.

- (a) Read the following statements and state which are *true* and which are *false* : 5×1=5
- (i) Good luck is something that does not happen by chance.
  - (ii) Most of the people do not blame their luck for their failure.
  - (iii) Blaming one's luck is the product of a defeatist mind.
  - (iv) According to the writer, luck does not play much part in one's success.
  - (v) Hard work is not a prerequisite of success.

(b) Answer the questions given below : 5×2=10

- (i) What is the writer's perspective about luck ?
- (ii) Why does the writer not sympathise with people who face failures in their lives ?
- (iii) Explain the phrase, 'a defeatist mind'.
- (iv) Mention any four requirements of success.
- (v) Give a suitable title to the passage.

2. Do as directed : 5×2=10

- (a) "Mukesh has cooked tasty food today," said Shweta. (Change into indirect speech)
- (b) The doctor examined the patient. (Change the voice)
- (c) As soon as I reached the school gate, the bell rang. (Rewrite the sentence using "No sooner ...")
- (d) Ishaan is arriving \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago tomorrow \_\_\_\_\_ 2 o'clock. (Use appropriate prepositions)
- (e) I have \_\_\_\_\_ account in \_\_\_\_\_ State Bank of India. (Use appropriate articles)

3. Correct the following sentences : 5×1=5
- (a) Animals had tails for different reasons.
  - (b) The tails serves them as a flyswat, a rudder and even to defend themselves.
  - (c) Crocodiles use there tails to protect themselves.
  - (d) Monkeys, at time, use their long tails to wind around branches to climb up and down the trees.
  - (e) A hippopotamus use its tail in a very interesting way.
4. Write an essay in about 200 words on any *one* of the following topics : 10
- (a) The importance of water conservation
  - (b) Why I like the place where I live
  - (c) Walking is the best exercise
  - (d) The importance of being smartly dressed
5. Write a dialogue in about 150 words on *one* of the following situations : 10
- (a) Arjun listens to music while studying. His mother says that music disturbs and does not let one concentrate on studies.
  - (b) Pooja wastes a lot of time on messaging through the mobile. Her father says that she should limit her messaging time to just one hour a day.
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