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Term-End Examination

December, 2018

FEG-2 : FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH-2

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Answer *all* questions.

1. Write a composition in about 350 words on any **one** of the following : 20
- (a) Global warming and its effect on our environment
 - (b) The challenges that I have overcome in life
 - (c) The true religion is the religion of humanity
 - (d) Breakdown in personal relationships in the modern world.

2. Write a paragraph in about 200 words on any **one** of the following : 10

- (a) My favourite place at home
- (b) Ways to remain healthy
- (c) Hostel life vs. life at home with parents
- (d) Alternate sources of energy

3. You are part of a 'Nature Watch' group which is working towards making your city/neighbourhood 'plastic bag-free'. A meeting of your group was organized which was attended by the Executive Body members, Block level leaders and volunteers. Among the points discussed were (i) The enormity of the problem (ii) The plan of action (iii) Places/Persons to target (iv) Difficulties envisaged (v) Overcoming the difficulties, etc.

Write a report for the local daily taking care to include all the significant details. 10

OR

Provide your ideas on the statement :

“Speak only when your words are more beautiful than the silence.”

Your writing should explain, analyse, compare and illustrate the statement given above. 10

4. Summarize the following passage to not more than one-third of the original. Give it a suitable title.

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Do you have the right to have an opinion ?
When do you have the right to have an opinion ?

Who has the right to have an opinion ?

At one extreme we can have a person who knows very little about a subject and yet comes out with a strong opinion on that subject. At the other extreme is someone who is well-informed and has thought a lot about the subject, but is unable to express an opinion.

An opinion is a sort of stew of information, perception, feelings and values cooked together within a particular culture.

Why have opinions ?

You might as well ask, 'Why have people ?' It is possible to imagine a discussion in which no one has an opinion. There is a mutual exploration of the subject. At some point, however, values need to get attached and that attachment results in an opinion.

There may be opinions which are very strongly held. There may be tentative opinions which are a sort of 'holding position' until a better opinion forms. There may be opinions which are held quite firmly but still open to change.

You can contemplate an extensive menu in a restaurant but at some stage you have to order a particular dish – even if you are torn between two.

A beautiful mind is capable of forming opinions and is not afraid to do so. At the same time, the beautiful mind is always conscious of the basis for that opinion. Furthermore, any opinion held is open to change. This is not unlike a scientific hypothesis. The hypothesis is definite and usable otherwise no experiments could ever be designed. Yet the hypothesis is only ‘provisional’ and the scientist is always seeking to form a better one.

If you are more fully informed on a subject than someone else, is your opinion more valid? Not necessarily. Perception and values are also important. There may indeed be a definite piece of information that shows another opinion is more valid than ours.

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