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Term-End Examination

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

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

*Note : Answer all questions.*

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

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Behold every parent's worst nightmare : the six-year-old TV addict. He watches in the morning before he goes off to school, plops himself in front of the set as soon as he gets home in the afternoon and gets another dose to calm down before he goes to bed at night. His teacher says he is restless and combative in class. What's more, he's having trouble reading.

Does this creature really exist or is he just a paranoid video-age vision ? The question is gaining urgency as the medium barges ever more aggressively into children's lives. Except for school and the family, no institution plays a bigger role in shaping American children. Today, TV is being blamed for just about everything : from a decrease in attention span to an increase in street crime. Cartoons are attacked for their violence and sitcoms for their foul language. Critics and consumer groups like Action for Children's Television have kept up a steady drumbeat of calls for reform.

Some efforts are being made towards these problems by trying to limit commercial time in children's programming and making it compulsory for channels to air more educational kids' fare. Yet the central issue remains : the fact that children watch a ton of TV. Almost daily, parents grapple with a fundamental, overriding question : What is TV viewing doing to kids, and what can be done about it ? Guided by TV,

today's kids are exposed to more information about the world around them than any other generation in history. But are they smarter for it? Many teachers and psychologists argue that TV is largely to blame for the decline in reading skills and school performance.

- (a) (i) Give an appropriate title to the passage. 2
- (ii) What steps are being taken to solve the problem of negative impact of TV viewing on children? 2
- (iii) How, according to the author, is children's school performance affected by exposure to TV? 2
- (iv) What does the author mean when he/she says, "The question is gaining urgency as the medium barges ever more aggressively into children's lives"? 2
- (v) On the basis of your reading of the passage, what according to you, is the most important question for which an answer needs to be found? 2

(b) State whether the statements given below are *true* or *false* :

(i) TV plays a bigger role than school and the family in shaping American children. 1

(ii) From the passage it is not clear whether children who get a lot of information from TV become smarter and more intelligent. 1

(c) Pick out a word/phrase from the passage which means the same as – ‘enter by force’. 1

2. Do as directed :

6×2=12

(a) The book of poems is lying on the table. It was written by the famous poet ‘William Blake’. (Combine the above sentences into one sentence using ... ‘which’ ...)

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(b) I reached the market. I came to know that it \_\_\_\_\_ (close). (Write the correct verb form)

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- (c) Scientists say that several earthquakes occur in Delhi every year. (Rewrite as an interrogative sentence) 2
- (d) My book will be published in 2018 by ABC Publishers. (Change the voice) 2
- (e) "Do not forget to carry your umbrella. It is raining heavily," said mother to Anjali. (Rewrite using indirect speech) 2
- (f) Harsh ran to his friends. He told them he had won a prize for his artwork. (Join using a conjunction) 2

3. Correct the following sentences. There could be more than one mistake in each sentence.  $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (a) I wants to go to my friend house.
- (b) Do you remembers the day you got your result ?
- (c) All of us should learn to becoming independent thinkers.
- (d) Sunita told her friend that she feeling restless after a heavy meals.
- (e) Each speaker was allowing five minutes to speak, after which other speakers was allowed to ask questions.

4. Write an essay in about 200 words on any **one** of the following topics : 10

(a) A day in the life of a college student

(b) The importance of healthy eating

(c) Life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

(d) An adventurous holiday

5. Write a dialogue in about 150 words on any **one** of the following situations : 10

As part of your college studies you took up a project on 'leisure activities of youth'. You were asked to conduct a survey of 5 colonies in your neighbourhood to find out about hobbies of young people and to find out how they spend their leisure hours. Your friend Surabhi asks you questions about your project. She wants to know who you interviewed, how you did your survey and the result of the survey.

**OR**

A well-known hospital in your town has started a regular health-check camp for the economically weaker sections of society, free of cost. In 6 months' time the project has received tremendous response – especially from old people and young mothers. You are Anil, a doctor working at the hospital. A newspaper journalist wants to know details about the project and how many people have benefitted from it.

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