

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2019**

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**ELECTIVE COURSE : ENGLISH**

**BEGE-104 : ENGLISH FOR BUSINESS  
COMMUNICATION (EBC)**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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*Note : Attempt all questions. All questions carry equal marks.*

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

Getting a good night's sleep can help you cope with *stress* more effectively. But not getting enough sleep can cause more stress. *Insomniacs* have higher *concentrations* of stress hormones than others.

Women are *prone to* sleep disturbances. Their sleep problems frequently interfere with their daily activities.

Experts believe that sleep, especially deep sleep, enables our nervous system to function well. Without it, we lose our ability to concentrate, remember or analyse. Some experts *speculate* that during deep sleep, cells manufacture more proteins, which are essential for cell growth and repair of damage from things like stress and ultraviolet rays.

Scientists believe that activity in the area of the brain that controls emotions and social interactions lessens during sleep and that deep sleep may help people be emotionally and socially adept when awake.

Sleep may also help our brain to store a newly learned activity in its memory bank. In a study in Canada, students deprived of sleep after learning a complex logic game showed a 30 percent learning *deficit* when tested a week later compared with students not deprived of sleep.

The effects of sleep deprivation on other bodily functions are just as alarming. In studies from five medical centres across the country, researchers established that individuals with insomnia were also more likely to have poor health, including chest pain, *arthritis* and *depression*, and to have difficulty *accomplishing* daily tasks. Another breakthrough study

*revealed* that even temporary loss of sleep can affect the body's ability to break down carbohydrates, interfere with the function of various hormones and worsen the *severity* of ailments such as *diabetes* and high blood pressure.

So whatever works to help you sleep well, whether it's regular exercise earlier in the day, weekly *massages*, *yoga*, *meditation* or a *lavender-scented* bath, make time for it today.

(a) Answer the following questions : 5×2=10

- (i) Discuss two positive effects of deep sleep.
- (ii) What impact does temporary loss of sleep have on our body ?
- (iii) Mention four ways that can help one get good sleep as suggested by the writer.
- (iv) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the words/phrases given below :  
One who is not able to sleep;  
necessary
- (v) Use the following words in meaningful sentences :  
affect; effect

(b) State whether the following statements are *True or False* (T/F) :

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- (i) Women do not suffer from sleep disorders.
- (ii) Sound sleep has a direct bearing on the nervous system.
- (iii) Inadequate sleep hampers repair of damaged cells.
- (iv) People deprived of sleep are likely to suffer from arthritis, chest pain and depression.
- (v) Sound sleep helps concentration.

(c) Make sentences of your own with the following words from the passage :

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- (i) Concentration
- (ii) Prone
- (iii) Interfere
- (iv) Adept
- (v) Temporary

2. Write a letter to the Municipal Corporation regarding the menace of stray dogs in your locality. Request the concerned person to take some effective measures to mitigate the problem. 20
3. Write an essay on any **one** of the following in about 250 words : 20
- (a) Freedom of Expression : To What Extent ?
  - (b) The profession you would like to take up
  - (c) Distance Education : Its Merits and Demerits
4. As an SHO of a prestigious police station, write a report on the rising crime in your area. Suggest some concrete ways to control the same. 20
5. (a) Do as directed : 5
- (i) All the figures were carefully checked by me and Rehan. (Rewrite in the active voice)
  - (ii) Pooja is going to produce two more films this year. (Rewrite in the passive voice)
  - (iii) Ravi asked Pankaj where he was going during the summer vacation. (Rewrite in direct speech)

- (iv) You have cleared all your dues, \_\_\_\_\_ ? (Supply a suitable question tag)
- (v) She said, "I want to go to Udaipur tomorrow." (Rewrite in indirect/reported speech)

(b) Rewrite the following sentences correctly : 5

- (i) Neither of the two sisters are qualified for the job.
- (ii) The train has left at 2 o'clock.
- (iii) The Great Wall of China is one of the seven wonders of the world.
- (iv) Why you did not go to school yesterday ?
- (v) You went to Singapore last year, isn't it ?

(c) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option from the brackets : 10

- (i) We \_\_\_\_\_ (may, ought to) respect our parents.
- (ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ (drink, drank) five cups of tea every day.
- (iii) What is the time \_\_\_\_\_ (in, by) your watch ?

- (iv) The man \_\_\_\_\_ (who, that) gave you this book is my friend.
- (v) He, along with his sister, \_\_\_\_\_ (have, has) gone to London.
- (vi) He was head of the English Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ (for, since) fourteen years.
- (vii) Yesterday the Rajdhani Express \_\_\_\_\_ (arrived, had arrived) very late.
- (viii) If Room no. 10 is \_\_\_\_\_, (empty, vacant) we can have the meeting there.
- (ix) He suddenly walked \_\_\_\_\_ (in, into) the room and started shouting.
- (x) When I was young, I \_\_\_\_\_ (use, used) to play cricket.
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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

A recent report in *Newsweek* says that in American colleges, students of Asian origin outperform not only the minority group students but the majority whites as well. Many of these students must be of Indian origin, and their achievement is something we can be proud of. It is unlikely that these talented youngsters will come back to India, and that is the familiar brain drain problem. However recent statements by the nation's policy-makers indicate that the



perception of this issue is changing. 'Brain bank' and not 'brain drain' is the more appropriate idea they suggest, since the expertise of Indians abroad is only deposited in other places and not lost.

This may be so, but this brain bank, like most other banks, is one that primarily serves customers in its neighbourhood. The skills of the Asians now excelling in America's colleges will mainly help the USA. No matter how significant, what Non-Resident Indians do for India and what their counterparts do for other Asian lands is only a by-product.

But it is also necessary to ask, or be reminded, why Indians study fruitfully when abroad. The Asians whose accomplishments *Newsweek* records would have probably had a very different tale if they had studied in India. In America they found elbow room, books and facilities not available and not likely to be available here. The need to prove themselves in their new country and the competition of an international standard they faced there must have cured mental and physical laziness. But other things helping them in America can be obtained here if we achieve a change in social attitudes, specially towards youth.

We need to learn to value individuals and their unique qualities more than conformity and respectability. We need to learn the language of encouragement to add to our skill in flattery. We might also learn to be less liberal with blame and less tightfisted with appreciation, especially.

(a) Answer the following questions :

- (i) How does the writer rate the Indian students studying in America, in comparison to the native American students ? 2
- (ii) Why do Indian students study more efficiently when studying abroad ? Give four points. 4
- (iii) Explain the expression 'to be less liberal with blame and less tightfisted with appreciation.' 2
- (iv) Explain the phrases – 'Non-Resident Indians'; Brain Bank. 2
- (v) What/Who do the pronouns 'new' and 'these' stand for in the phrases 'new country' and 'these students' ? 2
- (vi) Find words from the passage which are close in meaning to the following : 2

(b) Complete the statements given below choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given, in each case : 2×3=6

(i) The students of Asian origin in America include

- (A) a fair number of Indians.
- (B) a small group from India.
- (C) Indians who are the most talented of all.
- (D) Non-Resident Indians.

(ii) According to the passage, the talented young Indians studying in America

- (A) have a reputation of being hardworking.
- (B) have the opportunity to contribute to India's development.
- (C) can solve the brain drain problem.
- (D) will not return to pursue their careers in India.

- (iii) There is talk now of the 'brain bank'.  
This idea is
- (A) a solution to the brain drain problem.
  - (B) a new problem caused partly by the brain drain.
  - (C) a new way of looking at the role of the qualified Indians living abroad.
  - (D) based on a plan to utilize foreign exchange remittances for research and development.

2. As a Secretary of the Resident Welfare Association, write a letter of complaint to the SHO of your area regarding the cases of frequent theft of vehicles and chain-snatching in your locality. Request him to increase police patrolling and to install CCTVs so that the culprits can be apprehended.

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3. As a Sales Executive in a cell phone showroom, you have been asked to find out the reasons for the drastic fall in the sale of a particular brand of cell phones. Write a report and also suggest some measures to improve the sales.

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4. Write an essay on any **one** of the following topics in about 250 – 300 words :

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- (a) Internet has improved people's quality of life.
- (b) Power corrupts, Absolute power corrupts absolutely.
- (c) The Golden Age is before us, not behind us.

5. (a) Rewrite the following sentences in indirect speech :

5×1=5

- (i) Reena said, "Mom, I am very hungry, please give something to eat."
- (ii) "When are we going to Disney Land, Papa ?" said Rohan.
- (iii) The doctor says, "The weather is very bad, therefore we must take care of ourselves."
- (iv) The child said, "Teacher, does the moon also rise in the east ?"
- (v) Rani said, "Rita, I have never seen such a hardworking person like you."

(b) Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice : 5×1=5

- (i) They had chased the thief for two hours before they caught him.
- (ii) Chetan Bhagat may write another novel very soon.
- (iii) In which year did Aishwarya Rai win the beauty contest ?
- (iv) Who wrote the book, "The Satanic Verses" ?
- (v) When can we hold the next meeting ?

(c) Do as directed : 5×1=5

- (i) She is so busy that she can't accept a new assignment. (Rewrite using *too*)
- (ii) The train arrived on time, \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
(Add a question tag to fill in the blank)
- (iii) She usually \_\_\_\_\_ by bus but yesterday she \_\_\_\_\_ by taxi. (Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verb *go*)
- (iv) Did you \_\_\_\_\_ (had, have) a nice holiday ? (Fill in the blank choosing the appropriate verb from the brackets)

(d) Rewrite the following sentences correctly :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

(i) I am having all the works of Shakespeare.

(ii) May I know your good name please ?

(iii) One can't succeed in life unless one dosen't work hard.

(iv) Somebody has broked this window last night.

(v) She is really very modest, isn't it ?

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