

BDP / BCA / BTS

Term-End Examination

February, 2021

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

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Answer *all* questions.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions below it.

The art of tattooing goes back a long way. The Egyptians used to tattoo each other 3,000 years ago, and the oldest known example is on the body of a 4,000-year-old 'ice-man' who was found frozen in mountain snow on the Italian-Austrian border in 1993. The picture shows a tattoo on the upper arm of another ice-man, who died 2,500 years ago in Siberia, and who is now on display in a Moscow museum.

In more modern times, tattoos were reintroduced to Europe by Captain Cook and his crew on their return from Tahiti in 1771 — hence the traditional association of tattoos with sailors. The word 'tattoo' itself comes from the Tahitian word 'tatau' — onomatopoeic for the sound made by their tattooing instrument.

There are a number of major styles of tattoo, including *Tribal* (bold, simple patterns in black ink), *Celtic* (intricate knotwork, again usually black), *Oriental* (fish, clouds, dragons, etc.) and *Portrait* (images taken from photos, usually in black and grey ink). But nowadays almost any kind of image can be turned into a tattoo, in a full range of colours, and on almost any part of the body.

Technically, the only places you *can't* get tattooed are your hair, teeth and nails, but parts of the body which may change shape with ageing (such as the stomach, which tends to get bigger and sag) are best avoided. Arms and shoulders are the most popular, and one reason for this is that while these areas can be displayed in public, it is equally easy to conceal them under a shirt. For the same reason, many people choose the left wrist (which can be covered by a watch) or the feet and ankles. Some even use a shaved area of the head — and can then grow their hair to cover it up again if they want to.

The main disadvantage of tattoos is that they're permanent. It is true that they tend to blur (and possibly sag) with age — but they don't go away. So it is not a decision to be taken lightly. If you might want a job as a bank clerk in a few years' time, think twice before tattooing that fire-breathing dragon on your hand. And by all means tattoo a heart with your partner's name on your arm — provided you're sure you'll feel the same way for ever.

Tattoos can be removed, but it can be a painful process and it can leave scars. Only laser treatment can remove them completely, and this is *very* expensive. In other words, it is much easier to get a tattoo than to remove one. In a recent survey, one-third of men and women questioned regretted getting tattooed. So the undecided would be well advised to stick to those temporary tattoos that you put on for the evening and remove with baby oil the next day.

- (a) (i) “The art of tattooing goes back a long way.” Discuss. 2
- (ii) Why are tattoos associated with sailors ? 2
- (iii) Discuss the difference between tattoos of the past and those of present times. 2
- (iv) What parts of the body do people have tattoos on and why ? 2
- (v) Why does the author suggest the use of temporary tattoos ? 2
- (b) Make sentences of *your own* with each of the words/phrases given below. Do *not* copy the sentence from the passage. $5 \times 2 = 10$
- (i) go(es) a long way back
- (ii) on display
- (iii) traditional
- (iv) styles
- (v) disadvantage

2. (a) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets. 5
- While Satish _____ (drive), his cell phone _____ (rang). He _____ (talk) on the phone when he _____ (have) a car accident. He _____ (hit) a lamp post and fortunately he wasn't hurt.
- (b) Do as directed :
- (i) A : Is Susan married ?
 B : She _____ be married.
 She's wearing a wedding ring.
 (Use an appropriate modal) 1
- (ii) _____ there are changes in immigration patterns, nearly one in five people will be an immigrant in 2050. (Choose the correct option : *If, Unless, Because of*) 1
- (iii) When I was a child, I dreamt that _____. (Complete the sentence) 1
- (iv) When I got back to _____ house, there was _____ letter on the doorstep. (Fill in blanks with *a, the*) 2
3. You are planning to go on a trek to the mountain areas. Discuss with your friend the preparations that are required and the gear you need to take along with you. Write the dialogue in about 10 – 15 turns. 10
4. You are the President of your college student union. The Principal of the college has asked you to give a speech about "Protecting Yourself From Pollution." Write the speech in about 200 – 250 words. 10