

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term-End Examination

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ELECTIVE COURSE : ENGLISH-1

**EEG-1/BEGE-101 : LANGUAGE THROUGH
LITERATURE/FROM LANGUAGE TO
LITERATURE**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) Read the lines given below and answer the 20 questions that follow :

I remember the night my mother
was stung by a scorpion. Ten hours
of steady rain had driven him
to crawl beneath a sack of rice.

Parting with his poison ---- flash
of devilish tail in the dark room ----
he risked the rain again
The peasants came like swarms of flies
and buzzed the name of God a hundred
times

to paralyze the Evil One.

- (i) Why had the scorpion crawled under 2
the sack of rice ?

- (ii) Explain lines 5 - 6 above. 3
- (iii) Identify the figure of speech in line 8. 2
- (iv) What is the point of using the word 'buzzed' ? 3
- (b) Identify and explain the figure of speech in the following sentences. 10
- (i) Life to her in a desert
- (ii) His sword moved like lighting
- (iii) I have always enjoyed reading Agatha Christi.
- (iv) Death lays his icy hands on kings
- (v) He felt like a drunken giant.
2. (a) Form negatives of the following words by adding prefixes. 20
- (i) invest
- (ii) leash
- (iii) action
- (iv) formal
- (v) stabilise
- (b) Use the following words as directed :
- (i) cross (as adjective)
- (ii) monitor (as verb)
- (iii) time (as verb)
- (iv) combine (as noun)
- (v) firm (as adjective)

(c) Fill in the blanks choosing suitable phrases from the list :

take off, look round, look down, look into, look after

- (i) A joint parliamentary committee will _____ the 2G scam.
- (ii) Do we have to pay to _____ the garden ?
- (iii) How many children are ready to _____ their parents in their old age ?
- (iv) Not many flights were able to _____ because of the fog.
- (v) Must we continue to _____ upon the dalits ?

3. (a) Correct the following sentences : 10

- (i) I dare not to oppose my father even at this age.
- (ii) The Chief Guest stressed on the importance of Sanskrit
- (iii) The young man is illegible for promotion.
- (iv) The origin of this language remains enshrouded in mystery.
- (v) I am not knowing much about this subject.

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : 10

(i) The members deliberated _____ the subject of corruption _____ five hours.

(ii) The last match was _____ the leaders of the teams. They were _____ the best wrestlers in all the nine villages.

(iii) There were twelve men on each side and the challenge went _____ one side _____ the other.

(iv) The huge voice of the crowd rose _____ the sky and _____ every direction.

(v) The crowd burst _____ a thunderous roar. Okafo was swept _____ his feet by his supporters and carried home.

4. (a) Read the following passage and point out the literary and rhetorical devices used in it : 10

And then quite suddenly a shadow fell on the world, and the sun seemed hidden behind a thick cloud. Okonkwo looked up from his work and wondered if it was going to rain at such an unlikely time of the year.

But almost immediately a shout of joy broke out in all directions and Umuofia which had dozed in the noon - day haze, broke into life and activity.

“Locusts are descending”, was joyfully chanted every - where, and men, women and children left their work or their play and ran into the open to see the unfamiliar sight. The locusts had not come for many, many years, and only the old people had seen them before.

At first, a fairly small swarm came. They were the harbingers sent to survey the land. And then appeared on the horizon a slowly - moving mass like a boundless sheet of black cloud drifting towards Umuofia. Soon it covered half the sky, and the solid mass was now broken by tiny eyes of light like shining star dust. It was a tremendous sight, full of power and beauty.

- (b) Add prefixes / suffixes to the following words to change them as directed and use them in sentences. **10**
- (i) burden (as adjective)
 - (ii) large (as verb)
 - (iii) little (as verb)
 - (iv) sublimate (as noun)
 - (v) suspect (as adjective)

5. Write short notes on *any two* of the following giving suitable examples. 10 × 2 = 20
- (a) Metaphor
 - (b) Allegory
 - (c) Synecdoche
 - (d) use of question as a rhetorical device
 - (e) strategies for politeness..
6. (a) State the communicative function in each of the following sentences. 10
- (i) Beware woman, lest he strike you in his anger.
 - (ii) Why should a man suffer so grievously for an offence he had committed inadvertently ?
 - (iii) Could you please tell me where Deen Dayal Hospital is ?
 - (iv) Shall I open the window ?
 - (v) Shall I compare thee to a summers day ?
- (b) Insert suitable article in the following passage wherever necessary 10
- He grew rapidly like _____ tendril in _____ rainy season, and was full of _____ sap of life. He had become wholly absorbed into his new family. He

was like _____ elder brother of Nwoye, and from _____ very first seemed to have kindled _____ new fire in _____ younger boy. He made him feel grown up; and they no longer spent _____ evening in mother's hut while she cooked, but now sat with Okunkuwo in his *obi* or watched him as he tapped his palm tree for _____ evening coire.

That evening Narayana sat alone in _____ boatshed. _____ rest of _____ men had gone to Durga Keri. Unless they went there for _____ couple of swigs of Arrack every evening, _____ ache in their bodies never ceased. They had gone after _____ long time, since _____ continuous rain had made it impossible for them to stir out of _____ house. As always _____ roar filled _____ boat shed.
