

**B.A. GENERAL (BAG)**  
**Term-End Examination**  
**June, 2022**

**BEGLA-135 : ENGLISH IN DAILY LIFE**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note :** Attempt *all* questions.

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

1 One of the best ways I know to create spectacular results in the most important areas of your life is through daily practice. Top athletes know that practice is how you get to greatness. I was in Moscow a while back for a series of speeches and workshops. One morning I went down to the hotel gym for a workout. It was 6 a.m. Guess who was there ? Mary Pierce, the tennis star. For two hours, she ran, lifted weights, did sit-ups and countless push-ups. She was paying the price for success.

- 2 You need to practice to get to your greatness. Athletes know this so very well. Why does it seem so foreign to the rest of us ? Sure, practice takes discipline. But as my friend Nido Qubein (the business consultant and motivational speaker) often says : “The price of discipline is always less than the pain of regret.” Wise man.
  
- 3 What I’m suggesting is that personal and professional greatness takes work. I would never suggest that you could get to your dreams without having to make some sacrifices and pay the price in terms of dedication and self-control. “Pay the price.” Words with the ring of truth. The best among us make it all look so easy. I call it the Swan Effect — elite performers make personal and business mastery look effortless and seem to make things happen as gracefully as a swan moves along the water. But, like the swan, what you don’t get to see is all the planning, discipline, hard work and near-flawless execution taking place below the surface.

4 In my life, I have a series of practices that set me up for a great day. I've shared those with you. Yes, sometimes life sends you unexpected challenges that knock you off track — that's just life happening. But with a series of best practices in place to keep you at your highest, you'll stay in a positive state much more often. This is a simple yet life-changing idea that has helped so many of our clients. Practices that will lock you into your best state include a morning journaling session where you record your feelings, thoughts and the blessings you are grateful for. Or you may start your day with a strong workout and an elite performer's meal. I often listen to music for 15 minutes, as it not only energizes me, it makes me feel happier. I also use Success Statements or affirmations to get my mind focused. Success and joy and inner peace don't just show up. You need to create them. Find your series of practices, perform them with consistency. And then go out into this beautiful world of ours and shine.

(A) Answer the following questions :

- (i) According to the writer, what is the best way to succeed in life ? What example does he give of someone who possesses this quality ? 2
- (ii) According to the writer, the sentence, “The price of discipline is always less than the pain of regret” means : 1
- (a) Discipline requires a huge price which leads to misfortune and unhappiness.
- (b) A regretful life causes one to be disciplined.
- (c) Discipline is less effective than regret.
- (d) Being disciplined is difficult, but it is better than feeling remorseful later.
- (iii) What does the writer mean by the “Swan Effect” ? 3
- (iv) Suggest three ways mentioned in the passage which are good ways to kick-start a day. 3
- (v) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1

- (B) Pick out words from the text which mean the same as the following words/phrases : 5
- (i) very impressive (para 1)
  - (ii) wholehearted commitment (para 3)
  - (iii) superior (para 3)
  - (iv) almost perfect (para 3)
  - (v) positive statements to oneself (para 4)
- (C) Make sentences of your own, using the words/phrases given below : 5
- (i) paying the price for success
  - (ii) get to your dreams
  - (iii) below the surface
  - (iv) set me up
  - (v) unexpected challenges
- (D) Write a brief paragraph on how you kick-start your day to achieve the best results, in about 100 – 150 words. 10

2. Write short notes on any **two** of the following in about 300 – 350 words : 20
- (i) Body language
  - (ii) The importance of telephone helplines
  - (iii) An interesting marketplace that you have visited
  - (iv) Doing away with exams
  - (v) “Heal the world, make it a better place”. How do you think you can make our world a better place ?

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in the box. There are two extra verbs.

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meet, kill, release, escape, steal, begin, arrest
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Clyde Barrow's life of crime \_\_\_\_\_ in December 1926, when he \_\_\_\_\_ some Christmas turkeys from a farm. He \_\_\_\_\_ by the Police, but he \_\_\_\_\_ soon afterwards as he was only 16 years old. He \_\_\_\_\_ Bonnie Parker in 1930, and their life of crime began afresh.

- (B) Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions :

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- (i) We must give priority \_\_\_\_\_ export orders.
- (ii) There is a lack \_\_\_\_\_ information \_\_\_\_\_ that company.
- (iii) We still have 200 boxes \_\_\_\_\_ order \_\_\_\_\_ you.

- (C) Fill in the blanks correctly with a/an/the :

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There was once \_\_\_\_\_ man called Hassan. He was one of \_\_\_\_\_ great Lords at \_\_\_\_\_ court of \_\_\_\_\_ certain Persian king. He had \_\_\_\_\_ great wish to find some way to make himself invisible.

(D) Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals : 5  
(must, may, might, would, will)

- (i) “\_\_\_\_\_ I see your licence ?” said the policeman.
- (ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ go to Mumbai next week.
- (iii) I \_\_\_\_\_ write as soon as I can.
- (iv) If I won a lottery, I \_\_\_\_\_ buy a car.
- (v) You \_\_\_\_\_ not smoke in a cinema hall.

4. (A) Write **two** adjectives to describe the following : 10

- (i) Himalayas
- (ii) a holiday
- (iii) face
- (iv) dog
- (v) war

(B) Fill in the blanks with a phrasal verb from the box that means the same as the words in brackets. There is one extra phrasal verb. 5

go over, turned down, came up, see through, lets up, broke in
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- (i) Have you ever (refused) \_\_\_\_\_ an invitation which you later regretted ?

- (ii) It's easy to (not be deceived by) \_\_\_\_\_ his behaviour.
- (iii) Let's (review) \_\_\_\_\_ the plans before submitting them.
- (iv) I hope the rain (becomes less strong) \_\_\_\_\_, I want to go to the movies.
- (v) The thieves (forcibly entered) \_\_\_\_\_ our house while we were on holiday.

(C) Write a brief note explaining the type of job each person does :

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- (i) A Chef
- (ii) A Web Designer
- (iii) An Architect
- (iv) An Oncologist
- (v) A Pharmacist

5. (A) Write a dialogue between a counsellor and yourself about how to appear for examinations with confidence. Take about 10 turns.

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**OR**

(B) Write two diary entries in which you highlight the significant events of the day.

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