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BEGS-183

BACHELOR OF ARTS

(CBCS) (GENERAL) (BAG)

Term-End Examination

June, 2023

BEGS-183 : WRITING AND STUDY SKILLS

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : *All questions are compulsory.*

1. Write short notes on any **three** of the following

in around **100** words each : 5×3=15

- (a) What are 'homophones' ? Give examples to show how their usage can create problems for second language learners of English.

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- (b) What are the aspects to be kept in mind while writing a well developed paragraph ?
- (c) What is 'Expository Writing' ? Describe the techniques that can be used in writing expository texts.
- (d) Briefly explain the Cornell note-taking method.

2. Write a brief essay on any *one* of the following :

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- (a) Discuss with examples how synthesizing is a key strategy in writing.

Or

- (b) Explain how reference skills together with scanning and skimming skills equips a learner with tools to find the best sources of information.

3. Write a well-structured composition (with a clear beginning, body and conclusion) on the following topic :

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“Your role as a citizen in helping to reduce pollution levels in your town/city.”

4. Write a formal letter to the CEO of a company in your town, applying for the post of HR executive. 5
5. The Residents Welfare Association in your locality has taken several initiatives for senior citizens. Write a brief report on these initiatives. 6
6. Read the passage given below and answer the questions :

Wildlife conservation is the practice of protecting plant and animal species and their habitats. As part of the world's ecosystems, wildlife provides balance and stability to nature's processes. The goal of wildlife conservation is to ensure the survival of these species, and to educate people on living sustainably with other species.

The human population has grown exponentially over the past 200 years, to more than seven billion people today, and it continues to grow rapidly. This means natural resources are being consumed faster than ever by the billions of

people on the planet. This growth and development also endangers the habitats and existence of various types of wildlife around the world.

National and international organizations like the World Wildlife Fund, the Wildlife Conservation Society, and the United Nations work to support global conservation efforts on many different fronts. They work with the government to establish and protect public lands, and help create legislation to protect various species. They also promote biodiversity to support the growing human population while preserving existing species and habitats.

- (a) What is a 'topic sentence' ? In your opinion, what is the 'topic sentence' in the above passage ? 1+1
- (b) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1
- (c) Write a summary of the above passage in your own words (around **75** words). 4