

B. A. (GENERAL) (BAG)

Term-End Examination

June, 2023

BEGC-131 : INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *All questions are compulsory.*

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

The Himalayas are the source of three major Indian rivers namely the Indus, the Ganga and the Brahmaputra. Flowing for about 2,525 kilometres (km), the Ganga is the longest river in India. The Ganga basin constitutes 26 per cent of the country's land mass and supports 43 per cent of India's population. The Ganga flows

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from the Himalayas all the way to the Bay of Bengal, through some of Asia's most densely-populated regions. Its river basin is more than 1 million sq. km, and home to over 650 million people. The Ganga has the most populated river basin in the world.

The Ganga river faces a lot of serious challenges, mainly because of the fast growth of cities, agriculture and industries in recent decades. Too much water is being removed for farming and other uses, barrages and dams disrupt the Ganga's natural flow, and pollution from homes and industries have badly contaminated what's left of this once mighty, free-flowing river. Hundreds of millions of people and a huge range of wildlife rely on the river Ganga. But pollution, dams and removal of too much water (mostly for agriculture) have affected the flow and health of this vital river. One of the river's most at-risk animals is the Ganga river Dolphin. There used to be tens of thousands of them, but now only around

1,200-1,800 are left in the river. Biggest threats to them include fishing (they're targetted for their oily blubber), as well as toxic pollution, dams and barrages in the river.

Environmental activists are now working to encourage more sustainable water use and helping build community awareness and action to protect the river Ganga. River wildlife—including dolphins, gharials and turtles—urgently need clean and free-flowing water as well as safe protected areas away from threats on the Ganga, and environmentalists are researching the best options to help them thrive.

Environmentalists are working with the Government of India as much as possible for sustainable impacts, supporting policy implementation and development, and to find new ways of sustainable water management; species monitoring and protection, and climate change adaptation. The government of India has set up an empowered body as part of the

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti. The NMCG has stated its vision in terms of four restoration pillars, namely *Aviral Dhara* (continuous flow), *Nirmal Dhara* (unpolluted flow), *Geologic Entity* (protection of geological features) and *Ecological Entity* (protection of aquatic biodiversity). It is clear that the Ganga cannot be restored by only pollution-abatement measures. Many of the strategies need to seriously integrate long-term ecological and sustainability goals, and cannot simply be a short-term move.

- (A) (i) The river Ganga is worshipped as a sacred river in India. It is also extremely important for the Indian economy. Why ? 2
- (ii) What are the serious challenges faced by the Ganga in recent decades ? 2
- (iii) What are the factors that have affected the flow of this great river ?

- (iv) Which animal is mentioned as being one of Ganga rivers most at-risk animals ? 2
- (v) What are the greatest threats faced by this animal ? 2
- (vi) What actions are being taken up by environmental activists to protect the river Ganga ? 2
- (vii) What are the four 'restoration pillars' envisaged the National Mission for Clean Ganga ? 2
- (viii) Give a suitable title to this passage. 1
- (B) Use the following words/phrases in sentences of your own : 1×5=5
- (i) disrupt
- (ii) contaminate
- (iii) implementation
- (iv) restoration
- (v) integrate

2. Match the words/phrases in Column A with their meanings in Column B : $1 \times 10 = 10$

Column A**Column B**

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| (i) A Lion's share | Referring to sound |
| (ii) Hike | Spreading from one person to another |
| (iii) Acoustically | Making amends for a wrong action |
| (iv) Atonement | Along walk, usually in the countryside |
| (v) Recuperative | Pertaining to the study of population |
| (vi) Contagious | Helping you to regain health after illness |

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| (vii) | Demographic | A large portion of something |
| (viii) | Proliferate | Bright, colourful and impressive |
| (ix) | Tedious | Increase rapidly in number |
| (x) | Resplendent | Boring and Tiring |

3. (A) Fill in the blanks/Rewrite as directed :

$$1 \times 15 = 15$$

- (i) A new medical discovery has been in this week's 'Science' Journal.

(Use the correct form of report)

- (ii) It is important to preserve the valuable cultural traditions down to us by our ancestors.

(Correct form of 'hand')

- (iii) he come to the University by the metro train ?

(Use 'do' or 'does')

(iv) The teacher advised me to read that book. (Use 'have' or 'has')

(v) The date in my new watch automatically if I cross the International Data Line.

(Use correct form of 'change')

(vi) Everyone to be involved in finding ways to protect India's natural resources.

(Use 'have' or 'has')

(vii) You will your money if you do not keep it in your purse.

(Use 'lose' or 'loose')

(viii) Yesterday me the bus from Chennai to Bangalore.

(Correct form of 'take')

(ix) If I this job offer down, I would have regretted it all my life.

(Correct form of the verb 'turn')

- (x) If we early, we would have reached by now.

(Correct form of the verb 'leave')

- (xi) The teacher will understand. You must explain the situation to him.

(Rewrite as one conditional sentence)

- (xii) Hymns are sung every evening, by the monks in the monastery.

(Change into active voice)

- (xiii) The greatest artist of the nineteenth century had painted this portrait.

(Change into passive voice)

- (xiv) Rhine is the longest river in Germany. (Use the correct article)

- (xv) You should take umbrella with you, as it might start raining.

(Use the correct article)

4. Two friends have decided to spend their vacation together. Write out a dialogue (in about **250** words) where they discuss the places they would like to visit and other plans for the holiday.

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5. Write a letter to a friend in a neighbouring state inviting him/her to visit a historical monument near your town/village. Your letter should highlight the historical significance of the monument. 10
6. You have been invited to make a speech to a group of school students on the topic : ‘Career options available for students in India today.’ Write out the speech in around **250** words. 15
7. Write an essay (in about **250** words) on the following topics : 15
- “India’s role in the 21st Century World.”