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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

(Weightage 70%)

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

1. (a) Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow :

When I had been judged truly wicked
that stick was the tool of punishment,
I was beaten as I bellowed like a locomotive
as if noise could ward off blows.

My mother wielded it more fiercely
But my father longer and harder
I'd twist my head in the mirror to inspect

- (i) Why was the girl beaten ? 2
(ii) Identify the figure of speech in 'like a locomotive'. 3

- (iii) What is the difference between the father's and the mother's beating ? 2
- (iv) Explain the line ' I'd twist my head in the mirror to inspect ' . 3
- (b) Identify and explain the figures of speech in the following sentences : 10
- (i) To follow knowledge like a sinking star.
- (ii) They buzzed the name of God a thousand times.
- (iii) And the Sun said, "Now I'll get the coat off his back."
- (iv) Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the due less traveled by.

2. (a) Form adjectives from : 5
- (i) burden
- (ii) marriage
- (iii) advantage
- (iv) friend
- (v) incident
- (b) Use the following words as directed in sentences : 5
- (i) feel (as noun)
- (ii) alert (as adjective)
- (iii) please (as verb)
- (iv) roll (as verb)
- (v) select (as adjective)

- (c) Fill in the blanks choosing suitable phrases from the list given below : 10

run down, get over, shoot up, enter into, pull up

- (i) The boss _____ his secretary for the mistake.
- (ii) Why do you keep _____ your best friend ?
- (iii) He is yet to _____ the shock of divorce from his wife.
- (iv) In spite of the government's best efforts prices are still _____.
- (v) The two countries have _____ a deal to allow cross-border trade.

3. (a) Correct the following sentences : 10

- (i) But tell us how did the other two terrorists escape ?
- (ii) The function will begin after the Chief Guest will come.
- (iii) It is so cool ever since the rains came.
- (iv) The new traffic lights have been installed with a view to improve traffic movement.
- (v) You have to give a driving test to get a permanent driving licence.

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

- (i) He didn't let me _____ his secret but I got a hint _____ what he was planning to do.
- (ii) I had worked _____ the best of my ability but the boss did not seem pleased _____ my work.
- (iii) _____ the end, we had to settled _____ a deal with many conditions.
- (iv) Why are the MPs not accountable _____ the people _____ their conduct ?
- (v) When choosing a mobile phone, parents look _____ their children _____ guidance.

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

How can you buy or sell the sky - the warmth of the land ? The idea is strange to us. We do not own the freshness of the air or the sparkle of the water. How can you buy them from us ? Every part of this earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every humming insect is holy in the memory and experience of my people.

We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of the land is the same as the next to him.

The earth is not his brother, but his enemy, and when he has conquered it, he moves on. His appetite will devour the earth and leave behind only a desert. The sight of his cities pains the eyes of the redman. But perhaps because the redman is a savage and does not understand.

- (b) Add prefixes/suffixes to the following words to change them as directed and use them in sentences : 10

- (i) revenge (as adjective)
- (ii) prison (as verb)
- (iii) trust (in opposite sense)
- (iv) fail (as noun)
- (v) accident (as adverb)

5. (a) Use the following words in different meanings : 10

Example :

- (i) You can hear the *crickets* humming at night.
- (ii) Cricket is almost the *national* game of India
surf, bow, right, flat, web

(b) State the communicative function in each of the following sentences : 10

- (i) Who can stop us from conducting nuclear tests in future ?
- (ii) And you snatched the rupee from that little girl ?
- (iii) Only God can save this nation.
- (iv) And you beat the five robbers single-handed ?
- (v) From a school dropout to the richest man in the world—that is Bill Gates!

6. Write short notes on *any two* of the following giving suitable examples : 10x2=20

- (a) Simile
 - (b) Allegory
 - (c) Tag question
 - (d) Compounding
 - (e) Personification
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