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BEGS-183

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
(GENERAL) (CBCS) (BAG)**

Term-End Examination

December, 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 : 3×5=15
 - (a) What are homographs ? Give examples to show how their usage can create problems for second language learners of English.
 - (b) Explain with suitable examples, the techniques you would adopt to achieve coherence while writing a paragraph.
 - (c) What do you understand by the term 'Persuasive Writing' ? What are the strategies commonly used in 'persuasive writing' ?

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- (d) Explain with suitable examples, how a flowchart can be used in the organisation of notes.
2. Write a brief essay on any *one* of the following (in around **200** words) : 10
- (a) “Analysing is more a reading strategy, while synthesizing is a writing strategy.” Discuss giving examples.
- Or*
- (b) Write a short essay on the Cornell note taking method.
3. Write a well-structured composition (with a clear beginning, body and conclusion) on the following topic : 7
“Cleaning India’s rivers : the major challenges.”
4. Write a formal letter to the head of a publishing house, applying for the post of sub-editor in the publishing house. 5
5. The institution in which you work, has taken several steps for efficient waste management in your campus. Write a brief report on these initiatives. 6

6. Read the passage given below and answer the questions :

Sea level rise is an increase in the level of world's oceans due to the effects of global warming. Burning fossil fuels is one of the causes of global warming because it releases carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere. The oceans absorb the majority of this heat and expand, resulting in rising ocean levels.

Glaciers and ice sheets on land are also greatly affected by global warming. These reserves of ice are located in places like Greenland and Antarctica. Typically, they melt during the warmer months of the year and the ice is replenished in colder months. With the average global temperatures rising, however, ice caps and glaciers are experiencing a disproportionate amount of melting at an accelerated rate.

Sea level rise poses a serious threat to coastal life around the world. Consequences include increased intensity of storm surges, flooding, and damage to coastal areas. In many cases, this is where large population centers are located, in addition to fragile wildlife habitats. Therefore, people may become displaced and will need to seek safer homes.

Questions :

- (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 above passage. 1
- (c) Write a summary of the above passage in your own words (around **75** words). 4