

B.A. GENERAL (BAG)
Term-End Examination
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BEGLA-137 : LANGUAGE THROUGH LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer *all* questions.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : *5×2=10*

Filling up a bronze water-pot, a bucket and a watering can by turns, my grandmother transported water from a tap at the backyard impartially to all her plants, and finally through a brass syringe shot into the air a grand column of water which would descend like a gift from the heavens on the whole garden, dampening down the mud and stirring up an earthy smell (which tempted one to taste the mud), the foliage glittering in the Sun like finely cut diamonds as water dripped off their edges. The peacock busily kept pace with us as we moved up and down bearing the water-pots. When a shower of water

descended, the peacock fanned out its tail, parading its colour.

- (a) Suggest an appropriate title to the passage.
- (b) Give two examples of personification as used in the passage.
- (c) Suggest a parallel word for 'transported'. What kind of transportation has taken place ?
- (d) What is the meaning of 'heavens' in the passage ?
- (e) In what sense are the words 'stirring' and 'parading' used in the passage ?

2. Add prefixes to the following words to make opposites :

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appropriate, regard, place, relevant, entity

3. Complete the following sentences using appropriate conjunctions :

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- (a) He fled _____ he was afraid.
- (b) We will miss the train _____ we hurry.
- (c) I cannot give you any money, _____ I have none.
- (d) I did not go _____, she did not invite me.
- (e) Jupiter is bigger _____ Mars.

4. Define any **two** of the following literacy devices,
with suitable examples : $2 \times 5 = 10$

Metonymy, Understatement, Paradox, Irony

5. Write short notes on any **two** of the following,
with suitable examples. $2 \times 5 = 10$

Literal vs. Metaphorical Meaning, Rhetoric,
Alliteration, Pun

6. Correct the following sentences : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) One of my friend visited my home yesterday.
- (b) The height of Ram is more than Shyam.
- (c) He has been working in this office since twenty years.
- (d) He do not have a laptop.
- (e) He did not wrote the test last week.

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (a) He has returned _____ his home town.
- (b) The plane landed _____ the runway.
- (c) The kids climbed _____ the tree without any help.
- (d) Rohan and Asha moved the table _____ the dining room.

- (e) She was relieved _____ the pain after taking the medicine.
- (f) In the forest, the bat flew low _____ their heads.
- (g) He will have finished his work _____ Friday.
- (h) My friend has been living in Canada _____ two years.
- (i) There is no point in walking alone in the streets _____ night.
- (j) He has been waiting for you _____ seven o'clock.

8. (a) Identify and explain the figures of speech in the following sentences :

5×2=10

- (i) She is all nations and world to me.
- (ii) Sometimes you have to be cruel to be kind.
- (iii) The suitcase weighs a ton.
- (iv) I asked him not to open the Pandora's box of his complaints.
- (v) My sister and I had a friendly fight over the ice-cream.

(b) Fill in the blanks with correct forms of words given in the brackets : $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) He _____ (fall) asleep while he was studying.
- (ii) The coffee is being _____ (prepare).
- (iii) She is _____ (gift) a mobile phone to her brother on his birthday.
- (iv) Mohan _____ (wash) the floor on weekends.
- (v) His watch was _____ (break) in a street fight.

9. Make sentences with the following phrasal verbs : $5 \times 2 = 10$
fall apart, get away, hang in, make up, work out

10. (a) Add suffixes to make adjective forms : $5 \times 1 = 5$
delight, care, child, culture, method

(b) Use the following words in sentences as directed : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (i) Empty (verb)
 - (ii) Press (verb)
 - (iii) Harvest (verb)
 - (iv) Harm (adjective)
 - (v) Defend (adjective)
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