

B.A. GENERAL (CBCS)

(BAG)

Term-End Examination

June, 2022

BEGS-183 : WRITING AND STUDY SKILLS

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : All questions are compulsory.

- I. Answer any **three** of the following in around 100 words each : 3×5=15
1. What do you understand by the term 'synthesising' ? How does 'synthesising' become an important step in the process of writing ?
 2. How is expository writing different from argumentative writing ? Give examples of both.
 3. What aspects should be kept in mind to ensure coherence and cohesion while writing a paragraph ?
 4. What are the three major types of study skills ?

- II.** Write a short essay on any **one** of the following in around 200 words : 10

What are the strategies you would adopt to become a 'critical reader' ?

OR

Describe the Cornell Note-taking Method.

- III.** Write a well-structured composition (with a clear beginning, body and conclusion) on the following topic : 7

"Steps to be taken to reduce air pollution in our neighbourhoods."

- IV.** Write a formal letter to your College Principal requesting that the library facilities on your campus may be improved and updated. 5

- V.** The Environment Club in your campus has conducted an awareness campaign to ensure that only biodegradable materials are used in the canteen. Write a report on the campaign. 6

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

Biodiversity is the variety of life. Identifying and understanding the relationships between all the life on Earth are some of the greatest challenges in science.

Species diversity is only one part of diversity. To properly catalogue all life on Earth, we have to recognise genetic diversity within species as well as the diversity of entire habitats and ecosystems. Genetic biodiversity is the variation in genes that exist within a species. Ecological biodiversity is the diversity of ecosystems, natural communities, and habitats. In essence, it is the variety of ways that species interact with each other and their environment.

Biodiversity is extremely important to people and the health of ecosystems. Biodiversity keeps us healthy by providing a wide variety of food materials. Most medical discoveries were made because of research into plant and animal biology and genetics. Every time a species goes extinct, we may lose the possibility of discovering a new vaccine or drug. Biodiversity is also an important part of ecological services such as cleaning water, absorbing chemicals and providing oxygen.

Species have gone extinct because of natural shifts in the environment. Today species are

going extinct at an accelerated and dangerous rate because of environmental changes caused by human activities. Some human activities have direct effects such as habitat loss and degradation, while others have indirect effects. All these threats have put a serious strain on the diversity of species.

Questions :

1. (a) What is a Topic Sentence ? 1
(b) In your opinion, which is the Topic Sentence in the above passage ? 1
 2. Give a suitable title to the above passage. 1
 3. Write a summary of the above passage in your own words in around 75 words. 4
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