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**BACHELOR OF ARTS (GENERAL)
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**BEGLA–137 : LANGUAGE THROUGH
LITERATURE**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Attempt all questions.*

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

In the first week of June 1982, I began a secular pilgrimage deep into the Alakananda valley. My destination was Gopeshwar, a town that clings to a hill somewhat short of Badrinath, and the living deity I wished to pay tribute to was Chandi Prasad Bhatt, founder of the Chipko Movement.

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Chandi Prasad Bhatt was born in a family of priest who tended the temple of Rudranath. It is part of the 'Panch Kedar', the five Himalayan temples dedicated to Shiva, the most venerated of which is Kedarnath. As a boy, Chandi Prasad went up often to the family shrine, the journey also alerting him to local traditions of folk ecology. When he walked through the alpine pasture he had to take off his shoes so as not to harm flowers. In one four kilometre stretch above the Amrit Ganga, there was a ban on spitting, coughing and pissing : on anything all the that might cause pollution in the river below. There were taboos on plucking plants before the festival on Nandasthmi, in September.

Once, on the walk to Rudranath, Chandi Prasad met a shepherd burning the flowers of the sacred and beautiful Brahmakamal. He asked why, it being the week of Nandasthmi, and the shepherd answered that he wouldn't have, normally, except his stomach ached

horribly and the extract of the flower would cure him. But, the offender quickly added, he had broken off the plant with his mouth, like a sheep, so that the deity would think it nature's natural order rather than the hand of man at work. He acquired such informal education in ecology. He joined the Garhwal Motor Owners Union (GMOU) as a booking clerk. With the GMOU he was posted up and down the Alakananda villages. He says, his year selling bus tickets alerted him to the social diversity of India.

(Reference of the passage : Fluency in English by MacMillan, Page No. 78)

- (a) Why narrator calls his journey a 'secular pilgrimage' ? 2
- (b) Which activity was banned during the week of Nandasthmi festival ? 2
- (c) The incidence of the shepherd in the passage points out what aspect of Indian national life ? 2

- (d) Find a word from the passage which is same as 'reverence' and make a sentence of the word. 2
- (e) Identify and name the liberty device used in the phrase 'secular pilgrimage'. 2
2. Write short notes in about **150** words each on any *two* of the following : 10 × 2 = 20
- (a) Homophones
- (b) Onomatopoeia
- (c) Rhythm
- (d) Cohesion
3. Identify and explain the figure of speech in the following sentences : 10
- (a) The plants in her house silently begged to be watered.
- (b) Barry bought a book to bring to the backyard barbecue.
- (c) Can you spare your wallet ?
- (d) He is running faster than the wind.
- (e) Deep down you are really shallow.

4. Match the modal verbs/phrases with their meanings : 10

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| (A) Must be | (1) Nearly impossible |
| (B) Could be | (2) Almost certain |
| (C) Might be | (3) Possible but unlikely |
| (D) Can't be | (4) Necessary |
| (E) Need to | (5) Possible |

5. Complete the sentences by using the correct form of the words given : 10

(a) The sculpture looks simple. In fact it was extremely complicated to make.

(deceive)

(c) Advances in technology mean that the world of film is constantly changes.

(Go)

(c) Raj Delhi last weekend. (visit)

(d) My uncle a watch for me on my next birthday. (send)

(e) It heavily yesterday. (rain)

(f) Why does she not to school. (go)

(g) I sugar for ₹ 40 a kilo. (sell)

(h) When we travel, my sister usually

(sleep)

(i) After listening the joke Sumit started (giggle)

(j) We in the bus tommorrow morning. (travel)

6. Fill in the blanks in the passage below with the most appropriate idioms given in the box. Make necessary changes to the idioms to make them grammatically fit in with the sentence : 10

keep/place in perspective; a flair for; established pattern; draw your attention to; like a duck into water; toy with an idea

(a) I would like to the fact that this area has gone without water for a whole week.

(b) Reena took to acting..... .

- (c) She had singing and dancing which made up for her inability to learn her script.
- (d) My father wanted me to follow the and practice law like he did and his father before him.
- (e) But since I very much wanted to be a singer I of running away from the home but could not muster the courage to do so.

7. Use correct articles in the following sentences :

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- (a) We should eat apple a day.
- (b) He is intelligent student.
- (c) He is university student.
- (d) Give me book I gave you yesterday.
- (e) Always help poor and needy.

8. (a) Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate linking words indicating a casual or temporal relation : 5

(i) There was hardly any space for me next to my son I decided to lean back against the window and sit through the night.

(ii) permanent dieting is hardly fun, many people prefer a crash diet. This can be not only harmful to health but also self-defeating. just a day or two on a crash diet, the body decides that famine has struck and lower downs the basal metabolism.

(iii) Don't skip breakfast you are more likely to overeat later in the day and you will have less energy.

- (iv) We live in Defence colony.
..... we used to live in
Paharganj.
- (v) I will lend you my car you
need it.
- (b) Name the rhetorical device used in the
following sentences : 10
- (i) Oh, world of the free nations, on this
day of our freedom, we greet you.
- (ii) Ours has been an epic struggle,
covering many years and costing many
lives. It has been a struggle, a
dramatic struggle. It has been a
struggle of heroes.
- (iii) My country has taken knowledge from
all over the world and has offered the
knowledge and wisdom to the world.
She will stand in forefront of the
civilization, she will carry her lamp
into the darkness of strife and
struggle.

(iv) The battle for freedom is over. The struggle for peace begins.

(v) Men and women together, men and women of a common humanity.

9. Define the following giving suitable examples : 10

- (a) Paradox
- (b) Antithesis
- (c) Allegory
- (d) Imagery
- (e) Satire