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BDP / BCA / BTS

Term-End Examination

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**FEG-1 : FOUNDATION COURSE IN
ENGLISH-1**

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Attempt all the questions.

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

1. New Delhi, March 8 :

A two day conference to showcase cutting edge science by women scientists in India opened here today, providing a rare glimpse of women who are helping build India's, defence and warfare system. Dividing time between home and the workplace they are designing combat aircraft, debugging missiles control software or developing electronic warfare systems.

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has 950 women among its scientific workforce of 7,000.

“Women scientists in the DRDO enjoy the challenges and the benefits of working in cutting edge technology”, said Nabanita Krishnan, a scientist at the DRDO head quarters. “But they too have had to go the extra mile to prove their capability as is perhaps true in any work environment”, she said in a paper at the conference. “When there’s support things work out”, Hena Gokhale from defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory, Hyderabad. She is using her training in statistics to help develop the best possible coating for components that go into aero engines. Hina adds”, when I’ve got to stay late, I send an SOS to my husband”.

For even those engaged in software, the workplace is n’t exclusively a desktop in a sanitised laboratory. Electronics engineer Manjula, who helped in designing ways of jamming radio communications used by the forces, has toured Anantnag, Doda, and Terpur during the course of her work.

Women scientists have participated in virtually every aspect of India’s Light Combat Aircraft - the world’s smallest, light-weight, super sonic fighter

(Adopted from ‘the Telegraph’ Calcutta, March 9 2008)

- (a) Answer the following questions :
- (i) The theme of the conference was : **1**
 - (A) Challenges faced by women scientists
 - (B) Contribution of women scientists in 10 defence programme.

(Select the correct alternative)
 - (ii) Does being a woman make it easy for them at the workplace ? Pick suitable words from the passage to support your answer. **2**
 - (iii) What kind of support is Hina Gokhole talking about ? Pick the sentence that shows this. **2**
 - (iv) Is life comparatively easier for software scientists ? Illustrate your answer. **2**
 - (v) In how many ways have women contributed to India's defence systems ? **3**
 - (vi) What kind of writing is it ? **1**
- (b) Pick word from the passage which mean the following :
- (i) the newest and the most advanced stage in something. **1**
 - (ii) Cleaned thoroughly to remove dirt, bacteria or anything unpleasant. **1**

- (c) Complete the following statements using appropriate words.
- (i) Sending out radio signals to present the radio broadcast of adversane from being heard is called _____ 1
- (ii) Analysing and collecting information shown in numbers is called _____ 1
2. Do as directed : 10
- (a) Reema has three brothers. All of them are abroad. (Combine appropriately). 2
- (b) It is sometime *embarrassing/embarrassed* to ask people for money. 1
(Select the correct word)
- (c) The officer at the airport said, "can you open your bag, please" ? "Yes", she said. 2
(Change into the Indirect speech)
- (d) "Would you mind _____ (wait) in the lobby for about ten minutes ? Your room _____ (clean)", said the clerk to the guest. (Use correct form of the verb) 2
- (e) He stood waiting for her _____ the cross road the whole morning. 1
(Use appropriate prepositive)
- (f) He is quite rich. 2
He wears simple clothes and travels by bus.
(Combine the above sentences by changing one of the sentences into an adverbial clause)

3. Correct the following sentences : 5x1=5
- (a) A shall we take Anil with us ? 1
No, I'd rather he don't go.
- (b) When was a television invented ? 1
- (c) Many accidents are causing by dangerous driving. 1
- (d) My brother bought a trouser from the big shop. 1
- (e) He is owning three big houses. 1
4. Write an essay in about 200 words on *any one* of the following topics : 10
- (a) As I see myself ten years from now
- (b) The world is changing rapidly
- (c) My First Train Journey
- (d) A day I will never forget
5. Based on the sentence given below complete the story in about 200 words : 10
- (a) It was a cold winter night. It was drizzling
- (b) An old lady was driving on a lonely road.
- (c) Her tyre had a puncture.
- (d) A car stopped and a man came to help her.
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