

GEG-1

B.A. General Part-I (Distance Mode)

Term-End Examination - 2016

English Part-I

Paper No. : GEG-1

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

*(Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.)**Note : Attempt any 4 of the following questions in about 100 words each.*

1. Answer any 4 of the following questions in about 100 words each. (4×5=20)
- How could the Nightingale get a red rose ?
 - What had Morrison done when he was a young man ? How many people knew about his crime ?
 - Do you think the elephant (Gajpati) was capable of looking after the baby ? How do you know ?
 - Why did Miss Martha think that Blumberger was a poor artist ?
 - What was so special about the writers family in A page from the book of memory?
 - What, according to the author is the function of the 'growers' in "The Five Kinds of Workers".
 - The inspector had found the pearls, but Poirot said, "The case is not over." Why?
 - How has the author managed to bring out the atmosphere of terrors in "A Page from the Book of Memory"?

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2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate answers given below :

(a) The headmaster to speak to you.

is waiting.

wants

was wanting

(b) Here are your shoes; I them.

just clean

just cleaned

have just cleaned

(c) She unconscious for the last five hours.

is

has been

was

(d) Look ! The sun over the hills.

rises

in rise

is rising

(e) Our guests ; they are sitting in the garden.

have arrived

arrive

had arrived

(3x1=3)

(5×1=5)

3. Describe the following words into significances :

(a) seek

(b) arm

(c) court

(d) poor

(e) far

4. Write a dialogue between a restaurant waiter and a guest who wants suggestions on what he should order for lunch. Include these points in the conversation.

(a) The guests preferences.

The restaurants most popular dishes.

The final order.

(5×1=5)

5. Fill in the blanks using the correct forms of verbs given in the brackets.

When I saw a beggar (stand) near the temple, I (feel) sorry for him and decided to help him. But when the other beggars saw me give him some money, they (start) to surround me. I was a little embarrassed and also (scare) so I (enter) a nearby hotel.

(10×1=10)

6. Write a short essay of about 150 words on any one of the following :

(a) Importance of Social Media in Education.

(b) Your Freshers Party in College.

(c) Importance of Women in Today's Society.

(d) We have not inherited the earth from our forefathers, we have borrowed it from our children.

7. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below it in 40-50 words.

(3×5=15)

OLYMPIC GOLD

Cassius Clay, known to us now as Muhammad Ali, grew up in the city of Louisville. He had

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not achieved academic excellence, and came from a lower middle-class black American family. Like the other blacks of the USA, Clay had also had to face racial discrimination. Clay achieved what all sportsmen dream of, but few can accomplish. He won in 1960 the Olympic Gold Medal in the heavy-weight category at the Olympic Games held in Rome that year.

Clay was overjoyed. He had done what he was sure would bring recognition not only for him, but for all the blacks of America. He had represented his country and brought back a Gold Medal. This medal brought with it a White Hope, a hope for all blacks to be treated on an equal footing with their white brethren. Clay felt that his achievement would do much to show the Whites that the colour of a person's skin did not stand in the way when it came to winning laurels for the country. It was Clay's ardent desire that the racism and antagonism against the blacks as well as the feeling that the blacks were inferior beings be completely removed. He wished for acceptance for his people and he was confident that his success would pave the way in this direction.

However, Clay had to face disillusionment when he discovered that the whites were ready to honour his medal, but had no respect for the man who had strived so hard to bring accolades to his country. Clay was sponsored by millionaires who only wished to line their own pockets. Even the Pastor said that Clay should be grateful to the Christian millionaires who were doing so much for his black soul. Clay was not able to see through these gestures that ostensibly were favours, but in actuality were for the benefit of those who wished to exploit the situation for their own selfish ends. Clay was compelled to see the light when he and his friend were refused service in an all white restaurant. The ignominy and shame made Clay silent though he wanted to say so much. At one time during the course of the whole shameful episode, Clay even thought of calling on his sponsors to assist him, but then he realized that to do so would be even more degrading. To compound the issue, a group of white ruffians chased him and attempted to wrest the medal from him. Clay's disillusionment was complete.

Read the above passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

1. What was Clay's 'White Hope'?
2. What was Clay's ardent desire ?
3. What had the Pastor said that hurt Clay?
4. Why did Clay not call up his millionaire sponsors when he was insulted at the restaurant?
5. Why was clay silent ?

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General English-I

Paper No. : GEG-01

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Note : This paper is divided into 2 sections (Section-A and Section-B). Attempt questions from both the sections as per instructions — In respective section.

Section-A

(4×5=20)

1. Write short notes on any 2 of the following :

(a) Articles

(b) Irony

(c) Adjectives

(d) Comparison of adjectives

2. Critically analyse R.K Narayan's *An Astrologer's Day*.

3. Highlight the theme of womanhood in Sa ojini Naidu's poem *Bangle Sellers*.

4. What is the central problem in Boman Desai's short story *Between the Mosque and the Temple*?

5. Elucidate on the concept of Transcendentalism.

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6. Describe the influence of Transcendentalism on Ralph Waldo Emerson.
7. In the light of Emerson's poem *The Mountain and the Squirrel*, explain the concept of natural selection.
8. Critically analyse Anurag Mathur's essay *Education: Indian and American*.

Attempt any 5 of the following questions.

(5×10=50)

9. Write short notes on any 2 of the following :

- (a) Tenses
- (b) Prepositions
- (c) Reported speech

10. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

The young couple had two possessions of which they were very proud. One was Jim's gold watch that had once belonged to his father and grandfather, another was Della's hair. Both these possessions would have made the queen of Sheba and King Solomon cringe with jealousy.

Della viewed her thick, long, and lustrous hair which fell below her knees and hesitated only for a moment before tying it up and donning her worn-out brown jacket and old brown coat, she ran out of the apartment stopping only when she reached Sofronie's shop. Sofronie's shop sold hair goods of all kinds and Della asked if she would buy her hair. After assessing Della's hair, Madame offered to buy it for twenty dollars.

With the money in her possession, Della spent a happy time searching for the perfect gift for Jim. At last, she found it. A platinum fob chain for his watch that, in its simplicity and value, seemed to reflect Jim's personality. That the chain was costly was evident in its unblemished simplicity; it did not need any embellishments to proclaim its value. Jim could now proudly look at the time several times a day instead of covertly using it in an attempt to hide the old leather strap that held it. The chain cost twenty-one dollars and Della returned home with the remaining eighty-seven cents, happy and unmindful of the fact that she looked like a truant schoolboy with her close-cropped curls. She was sure Jim would think she looked like a Coney Island chorus girl. Setting her hair in curlers, Della went about preparing dinner anxiously awaiting Jim's arrival hoping that he would still think her pretty.

Read the above passage carefully and answer the following questions :

- (i) What were the possessions that Jim and Della prized so highly?
 - (ii) Give three adjectives to describe Stella's hair.
 - (iii) Why did Della go to Sofronie's shop?
 - (iv) What was the perfect gift that Della bought for Jim?
 - (v) How much did Jim's gift cost?
11. Differentiate with examples one of the following :
- (a) Direct and indirect speech
 - (b) Active and passive voice
12. Explain various types and elements of a Paragraph.
13. What is the central idea of the poem *Where the Mind is Without Fear*?
14. What are the themes and symbols in Robert Frost's poem *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*?
15. What differences can you identify between Indian and Western education system?
16. Write a paragraph on one of the following topics stated below.
- (a) How I celebrated my last birthday
 - (b) On any poem prescribed in your syllabus

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I. Answer any 5 of the following questions in about 100 words each.

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- (a) From whose perspective is ANIMAL FARM told? Why would Orwell have chosen such a perspective?
- (b) What message does Jawaharlal Nehru's speech TRYST WITH DESTINY give?
- (c) Write about the characters in THE NIGHTINGALE AND THE ROSE by Oscar Wilde.
- (d) Write short notes on the following :
 - (i) Past Indefinite Tense
 - (ii) Past Continuous Tense
 - (iii) Present Perfect Tense
 - (iv) Present Perfect Continuous Tense
- (e) Analyse A PAGE FROM THE BOOK OF MEMORY by Indira Gandhi.
- (f) What is A WORLD OF FOUR SENSES by Ved Mehta about?

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(g) Summarize Anthony R. Michaelis' SCIENCE AND POLITICS.

(h) What are the five kinds of workers?

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate answers.

(10)

(a) Please ring me up as soon as he

Will come

Would come

Comes

Came

(b) He stayed at home because he a cold.

Is having

Was having

Has

Had

(c) How long?

Are you waiting

Have you been waiting

You have been waiting

You are waiting

(d) I'll write down the phone number I forget.

If

In case

Unless

Even though

(e) Large quantities of jute from Bangladesh.

Exported

Export

Are exported

Is exported

(f) Because he the oil for so long, the car broke down.

Hadn't check

Hasn't check

Didn't check

Wouldn't check

(g) I haven't seen him a long time.

From

In

Since

For

(h) Somebody told you?

Isn't it

Didn't they

Wasn't it

Didn't he

(i) I won't forgive them for what they said,they apologise.

If

Even

Even though

Even if

(j) He was offered a new job but he turned it

Out

Off

Up

Down

3. Write an essay of about 200 words on one of the following :-

(a) The book I liked the most.

(b) My aim in life.

(c) A day I can never forget.

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4. Read the following passage and answer the questions that following 50 words each. 15

Long years ago, we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity.

At the dawn of history India started on her unending quest, and trackless centuries are filled with her striving and the grandeur of her successes, and her failures. Through good and ill fortune alike she has never lost sight of that quest or forgotten the ideals which gave her strength. We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again. The

celebration we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future?

Freedom and power bring responsibility. The responsibility rests upon this Assembly, a sovereign body representing the sovereign people of India. Before the birth of freedom, we have endured all the pains of labour and our hearts are heavy with the memory of this sorrow. Some of those pains continue even now. Nevertheless, the past is over and it is the future that beckons to us now. That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we might fulfil the pledges we have so often taken and the One we shall take today. The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer. It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity. The ambition of the greatest man of our generation has been to wipe every tear from every eye. That may be beyond us but as long as there are tears and suffering, so long our work will not be over.

—Jawaharlal Nehru

Read the above passage carefully and answer the questions :

1. What are the ideals that India has never forgotten?
 2. What are the responsibilities that come with Freedom and Power?
 3. What pledge is taken at the stroke of midnight?
 4. What does one have to fulfil now that India has attained Freedom?
 5. What message does Nehru want to give in this passage?
5. Write a dialogue of about 150 words on anyone of the following : (10)
- (i) A boy wants to become an actor, he is convincing his parents to let him fulfil his dream. Parents do not like the idea, but finally allow their son to go to Mumbai.

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- (ii) A girl wants to become a wrestler. Her family is against the idea of professional wrestling for females, but finally they agree with her.