

B.A. GENERAL (CBCS)

(BAG)

Term-End Examination

December, 2021

BEGS-183 : WRITING AND STUDY SKILLS

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : *All questions are compulsory. Answer all questions.*

I. *Answer any **three** of the following in around 100 words each :* *3×5=15*

1. What are homonyms ? Give examples to show how their usage can create problems for second language learners of the English language.
2. Discuss the process approach to writing, with suitable examples to illustrate your answer.
3. What do you understand by the term 'storage skills' ? Briefly describe the two major categories of 'storage skills'.
4. How are 'reduction devices' useful in note-taking ? Give examples of two types of such devices.

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

1. What are the strategies you would adopt to be a 'critical reader' ?

OR

2. Briefly describe the three major types of study skills and show how they help one to become a better learner.

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

“Online Learning : Possibilities and Challenges”

IV. Write a formal letter to your College Principal requesting leave for ten days. 5

V. The Residents' Welfare Association of your locality has taken several steps to provide support to the poor and the needy during the COVID Lockdown. Write a brief report on these initiatives. 6

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

A contagious disease is one that can be spread from person-to-person. In some cases, contagious diseases can become an epidemic or even a pandemic. An epidemic is a sudden disease outbreak that affects a large number of people in a particular region, community, or population. In an epidemic, the number of people affected by the disease is larger than what is normally expected. A pandemic is a disease epidemic that has spread to a large group of people across a large region, multiple nations, or continents.

While a disease might be contagious, it may have different effects on different people. Whether someone develops symptoms or not, is controlled by their level of immunity, which can be active or passive.

Active immunity means one's body produces antibodies to fight off the virus or another disease-causing agent. This happens after a specific disease is introduced to the body, through previous infection or a vaccine. This immunity is usually permanent. Passive immunity means the antibodies were transferred from one person to another, like from mother to baby. Passive immunity usually lasts a few weeks to a few months.

1. What is a 'topic sentence' ? In your opinion, what is the 'topic sentence' in the above passage ? *1+1=2*
 2. Give a suitable title to the above passage. *1*
 3. Write a summary of the above passage in your own words (around 75 words). *4*
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