

Bachelors Programme

B. D. P.

Assignment — December, 2016 & June, 2017

Foundation

FEG : FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH

Full Marks : 50

Weightage of Marks : 30%

Special credit will be given for accuracy and relevance in the answer. Marks will be deducted for incorrect spelling, untidy work and illegible handwriting. The weightage for each question has been indicated in the margin.

1. Answer any *one* of the following : $10 \times 1 = 10$
 - a) Discuss any one of the problems which, according to Russell, man's use of scientific technique has created.
 - b) What was the first reaction of Ved Mehta's father to his son's blindness ? How did he try to prepare his son to live a self-supporting life ?
 - c) What does O. Henry tell us about Miss Martha at the beginning of "Witches' Loaves" ? How does he describe the customer in whom she took an interest ?
 - d) Describe the way in which the chambermaid and the valet stole Mrs. Opalsen's pearl necklace.
2. Answer any *one* of the following : $6 \times 1 = 6$
 - a) Why did Rupert Morrison's plan to kill Manning fail ?

- b) What does Ruskin Bond say about London bethsitters ?
 - c) What problem did Subhas Bose face about his passport ? How was the problem solved ?
 - d) What did the young student write about the nightingale in his note-book ?
3. Answer any *three* of the following : $3 \times 3 = 9$
 - a) What does Indira Gandhi say about the rich nations' use of natural resources ?
 - b) Where was Rupert Morrison's blue wallet found ? Who found it ?
 - c) In what way did Miss Martha try to test if her middle-aged customer was an artist ?
 - d) What were the things that Ruskin Bond could do ?
 - e) What was Mrs. Opalsen's hobby ? How did her husband help with her hobby ?
 - f) What did the pundits suggest for getting Ved Mehta's eyesight back ?
 - g) How did Freymark kill Larry O' Toole ? What did he do with the body ?
 - h) What does Jawaharlal Nehru say about Mahatma Gandhi in "The Voice of India" ?
 - i) What were the conditions of the bet between the banker and the young lawyer ?
4. Write a short essay on any *one* of the following topics : $10 \times 1 = 10$
 - a) A Memorable Journey
 - b) Friends
 - c) Our Environment
 - d) Dreams.

5. Write a dialogue on any *one* of the following topics : $10 \times 1 = 10$
- Thieves entered your house and stole valuable goods. You have come to the police station. Write a dialogue between you and the police officer.
 - You want to exchange your bicycle for a new one. Write a dialogue between yourself and the shopkeeper.
 - Your friends recently visited a popular tourist resort. You would also like to go there with your family. Write a dialogue, asking your friend about how to get there, places to see, places to stay, expenses etc.
 - Write a dialogue between yourself and your friend, discussing superstitions and how, as educated people, you can teach others how not to follow superstitious practices.
6. Rewrite any *five* of the following sentences, according to instructions given in brackets :
- $1 \times 5 = 5$
- "You didn't lock the drawer ?" Poirot asked Mrs. Opalsen.
(Turn into *Indirect narration*)
 - Everyone was present in the room.
(Turn into a *negative sentence*)
 - The farmers sowed the seeds after they (*plough*) their fields.
(Use the appropriate verb form in the blank space)
 - The elephant picked the baby up.
(Change into *Passive voice*)

- Miss Hartha sold *several days' old dry* bread.
(Rewrite the sentences, replacing the italicized phrase with soft / stale)
- He became inspector in Income Tax Department.
(Fill the blank with *a/an/the*)
- I cannot start the car. The battery has run down. (Combine into a *Complex sentence*)
- The sun was shining. It was rather cold.
(Combine the sentences using '*although*')
- Do you think of taking a job ?
(Rewrite using the present continuous form of '*think*')
- He behaved badly.
(Rewrite, using the opposite of '*badly*')

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