

**BDP / BCA / BTS**

**Term-End Examination**

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

*Time : 2 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 50*

**Note : Answer *all* questions.**

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

1 Volumes have been written about the tiger and the elephant but there's been precious little regarding the Indian rhinoceros, that armoured tank of an animal now surviving only in the Indian terai and the north-east — and of course, in Nepal, which the book 'The Soul of the Rhino' by Hemanta Mishra is all about. Like the other two animals, the rhino has been hunted for its body parts to which we have ascribed all sorts of miracle properties.

2 In Nepal the rhino was designated a "Royal Animal" back in 1846 and only the ruling family and its guests were allowed to hunt it. But the animal was at the brink of extinction when in the early 1960s, the then King Mahendra decided to do something to save the fabled terai — at the heart of which was Chitwan, the rhino's stronghold. But this book goes beyond just being a "Conservation" story; it is as much the story of the author's relationship with the majestic animal and the often strange contradictions and dilemmas he faced regarding Western and Eastern attitudes towards the preservation, which forms one of the major themes of the book.

3 After studying Forestry in the Indian Forest College in Dehradun in 1965, Hemanta Mishra got a job as wildlife officer with Nepal's Ministry of Forests. He won a scholarship to study Wildlife Management at the University of Edinburgh in 1969. In 1972 he went to Yellowstone to learn about how to deal with wildlife and people issues and conflicts. Back home that year he was invited to serve in the Royal Palace Conservation Committee, which made all the policy and operational decisions regarding wildlife conservation in Nepal. Ever

since he has been the rhino's front-man in his country.

4 His work on rhino conservation began with doing a census in Chitwan and then figuring how saving rhinos in Chitwan could be linked to reducing the poverty in the region.

- (a) (i) The passage has been taken from a \_\_\_\_\_ (report/memoir). 1
- (ii) Cite the reason for the drastic fall in the rhino population in India and Nepal. 2
- (iii) Find the sentence in Paragraph 2 that says that the ideas regarding preservation differed widely and were often confusing. 1
- (iv) What is the significance of Chitwan? 2
- (v) Describe the training that Hemanta Mishra received to prepare him for the job of a wildlife conservator. 3
- (vi) Is Hemanta Mishra's book merely a conservation story? Yes/No. Give reasons. 2

(b) Complete the statements given below.

(i) Hemanta Mishra's conservation plan aimed to achieve two objectives. One was to save the rhino and the other was to \_\_\_\_\_ . 1

(ii) In Nepal the rhino was given the status of a \_\_\_\_\_ way back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. 1

(c) (i) Pick out the words from Paragraph 1 that mean 'qualities that can achieve unexpectedly good results'. 1

(ii) Pick out the word/phrase in Paragraph 3 which means the same as 'a representative of an organisation who deals with the public to convince them about the merits of his organisation'. 1

2. Do as directed :

(a) In order to know what to do in \_\_\_\_\_ situation like this, you need to look at \_\_\_\_\_ rule book. (Insert appropriate articles) 2

(b) By the time the authorities \_\_\_\_\_ (take) action, the problem would \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) out of proportion. (Use correct form of verbs) 2

(c) Your qualifications do not match our requirements. \_\_\_\_\_, you have no experience as a manager. \_\_\_\_\_, I am going to give you a chance as you have good communication skills. (Insert appropriate linkers) 2

(d) Let's take the metro. It \_\_\_\_\_ take much less time to reach the station. We \_\_\_\_\_ still be able to catch our train. (Insert suitable modals) 2

(e) Regular exercise and a balanced diet is the best way to keep diseases at bay. Everyone believes this. (Combine into one sentence beginning with — It is ..... ) 2

3. Correct the following sentences : 5×1=5

(a) They rushed her to the doctor's clinic where they made her to drink some juice to gain some energy. 1

(b) Ask him why hasn't he paid his room rent yet. 1

- (c) When they reached their village after the earthquake, they found their houses destroying. 1
- (d) When I tickled the baby under its chin, it responded by a smile. 1
- (e) In our last survey of school, lack of basic facilities was noticed. 1
4. Write an essay in about 200 words on any **one** of the given topics : 10
- (a) What men can do, women can do better
- (b) Towards a healthy lifestyle
- (c) The world is a much smaller place today
- (d) The need for ambition in life
5. Write a dialogue of about 150 words on any **one** of the following situations : 10
- (a) Mrs. Nair's new neighbour has come to her for some basic information. Mrs. Nair tells her about the places to buy necessities, about schools, markets and metro stations in the vicinity.

**OR**

- (b) Brim Kumar has come to office very late as usual. His boss questions him about his late-coming. Brim informs him about his wife's illness and his increased household duties. His boss sympathizes with him but reminds him of the minimum office hours in a day. Brim Kumar offers to stay back in office for an hour every day.
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