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Term-End Examination

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FEG-1 : FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH-1

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Answer all the questions.

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

Managing Fire Tragedies

After 11 extensions, the one-man commission headed by Justice T.P. Garg (Retd.) is finally ready with its report on what was the worst fire tragedy the country has seen. Thirteen years ago, a devastating fire during an annual school function at a marriage hall at Dabwali town in Sirsa district of Haryana killed as many as 442 people, many of them children. Several others were disabled for life or had permanent

burn injuries. The report, which has decided the quantum of compensation besides fixing liability, might bring some succour to the families of the victims or the survivors themselves. But it is a moot point whether any lessons have been learnt.

It is shocking, indeed, how cavalier is the country's approach to such tragedies. In 2004, carelessness of the mid-day meal staff coupled with the negligence of the management led to the death of about 100 children at a primary school in Tamil Nadu.

Over 60 people perished in a fire at an air-conditioned consumer fair in Meerut. What makes these tragedies even more unfortunate is that they could have been averted if safety norms had been followed. Most buildings, including schools, do not follow the National Building Code on fire safety. Permission is given to fairs and other open-air functions in an arbitrary fashion, throwing caution to the wind. Mid-day meals are cooked in schools, especially in South India, with scant regard to safety. Often, the officials guilty of "criminal" negligence walk away scot-free.

How unconcerned governments are in bringing the guilty to book is borne out by the fact that it took three years to file an FIR against the defaulting officials in the Meerut tragedy. In Haryana, the then DC, Sirsa, who was accused and indicted for dereliction of duty received only token punishment and was later appointed a member of the Haryana Public Service Commission. While the State Governments must fix accountability, the compensation to the victims will have some meaning only if given expeditiously. To prevent such tragedies in future, there is an urgent need to review and implement fire-safety norms. Mock fire drills in schools and periodic fire safety audits, too, could ensure that buildings do not become fire-traps. "Safety saves" is not a slogan but a truth that needs to be followed in letter and spirit.

- (a) Answer the questions that follow : 5×2=10
- (i) What brought some relief to the families of the deceased ?
 - (ii) How did the Tamil Nadu tragedy take place ?

- (iii) Why is it said that the officials are unconcerned ?
- (iv) Give an example quoted of total lack of concern by the government.
- (v) How can such tragedies be prevented ?
- (b) Find the words similar in meaning from the passage. 5×1=5
- (i) Amount (para 1)
- (ii) Help (para 1)
- (iii) Prevented (para 3)
- (iv) Not caring enough (para 3)
- (v) Efficiently and fast (para 4)

2. Do as directed.

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- (a) Ranjana aunty told Arjun, "What have you been doing in there ?" (Change into indirect speech)
- (b) When a policeman _____ (approach) them, they were all _____ (sit) in the car. (Use the correct form of the verb)
- (c) Nobody is looking after his father. (Change the voice)
- (d) They _____ rather die than submit to him. (Use the correct modal)

- (e) This is no occasion _____ (cry). (Use the non-finite form of the verb)
- (f) We worked hard _____ (succeed). (Use the non-finite form of the verb)
- (g) It is _____ great thing to take pride in _____ work you do. Even in humble tasks, we must always have _____ drive to do well. (Fill in with the correct articles)

3. Correct the following sentences :

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- (a) The roles of both is interchangeable.
- (b) Four persons were arrest when the tried to flee.
- (c) He decided to went to Canada.
- (d) Always believe things for be right unless proved wrong.
- (e) Your favourite song is which ?

4. Write an essay of about 200 words on any *one* of the following :

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- (a) Importance of Yoga
- (b) A leader who inspires you the most
- (c) An accident that caused deaths
- (d) Cyber Threat

5. Write a dialogue about any *one* of the following in 150 words :

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- (a) Between a mother and the School Principal about her child's disregard for studies.
 - (b) Between two parents about the amount of time students spend on the Internet and social media.
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