

BDP / BCA / BTS
Term-End Examination
December, 2013

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 -

New Delhi : A minor earthquake jolted the national capital on Monday.

“Delhi is surrounded by several faults and is located in seismic zone IV which makes it susceptible to earthquakes. Secondly, it is also quite close to the Himalayan range and will feel most major earthquakes that take place in that region. It is neither new nor unusual for the city to feel tremors,” said RS Dattatrayam, head of IMD’s seismology department.

In fact, scientists say several quakes occur through the year, most of which are not even felt since they are so slight. The one experienced on Monday was categorized as slight while moderate ones are those that are more than 5 on the Richter scale. “There have been six moderate to extreme

earthquakes above 5 on the Richter scale in the last century around Delhi, the last one of 5.8 magnitude recorded near Moradabad in 1966. Several ones of much lesser magnitude are experienced regularly," said an official. A microzonation study was carried out by IMD in Delhi recently. The study identified the vulnerability of various areas to earthquakes. "The study identified that east and northeast Delhi are the most vulnerable because of newer alluvial soil type found there. The Chattarpur basin is also at high risk due to a basin effect. Other than a very small strip of rocky ridge area, the remaining parts of Delhi are at a moderate risk", said an IMD official.

This study provides details for an area at a scale of 1 : 50,000. Another study is underway that will ascertain impact in an even smaller area of 1 : 10,000.

"This will assist town planners and the land owning agency in better development of Delhi," said the official.

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| (a) | (i) | Give an appropriate title to the passage. | 2 |
| | (ii) | Why are Delhi and areas around it susceptible to earthquakes ? | 2 |
| | (iii) | Why was the earthquake experienced on Monday categorised as slight ? | 2 |

- (iv) Why did RS Dattatrayam say, " It is neither new nor unusual for the city to feel tremors." 2
- (v) Which areas in Delhi are vulnerable to earthquakes ? Why ? 2
- (b) Say whether the statements given below are **true** or **false**.
- (i) Delhi experiences earthquakes quite frequently, most of which are categorised as extreme. 1
- (ii) Earthquakes occur in all areas of Delhi due to a kind of alluvial soil. 1
- (c) Pick out a word/phrase from the passage which means the same as - 'vulnerable'. 1

2. Do as directed :

- (a) You can get the information from the front desk. (Change into the interrogative form) 2
- (b) I _____ (has seen/have seen) the movie. (Choose the correct verb form) 2
- (c) Sunil _____ (is trying/trying) to do well in his exams. (Choose the correct verb form) 2
- (d) I feel proud of my sister. She has got many awards. (Use suitable connector) 2
- (e) The book is lying on the table. It is an interesting book. (Join using a subordinate clause) 2
- (f) The course will be completed by the teacher this month. (Rewrite using the active voice) 2

3. Correct the following sentences. There could be more than one mistake in each sentence. 5x1=5
- (a) The bag is to heavy too be lifted.
 - (b) The place we was going to is quite close with the mountains.
 - (c) The girls decided to leaves the hall before the movie ended.
 - (d) Teenagers need to know the important of festivals.
 - (e) The train who was to arrive at 10.30 am is arrive late.

4. Write an essay in about 200 words on *any one* of the following topics - 10
- (a) Child Labour
 - (b) India of my Dreams
 - (c) Where there is a will there is a way
 - (d) Protecting the Environment

5. Write a dialogue in about 150 words on *any one* of the following situations - 10

Richa and Surabhi are discussing their Career plans. Richa wants to become a lawyer. Surabhi asks her many questions about her career choices. She wants to know why she has chosen to become a lawyer

OR

Ramesh and his friends want to go to Goa for Christmas. They go to a travel agent to find out about hotels, train fares and the best season for making the trip.
