

BDP / BCA / BTS

Term-End Examination

June, 2013

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

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Answer all the questions.

- 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow the passage.**

The media plays an important role in any modern society in moulding public opinion. It has its own constraint. Like any enterprise, it has to make profit. The media presents news, views and analysis tailored to suit what the readers would like. It also has to create headlines, look for something shocking, exciting or thrilling. But Pokhran, or an Indian victory in a cricket match, or some other positive events does not occur every day. Generally, the focus is on the negative; a gory event a worrying developments. Such coverage has gone to a point that a situation much worse than is actually the case is being presented. We do not at all believe that the role of the press is neither to criticize, nor to highlight problems. There is also at times a need to exaggerate events

to make a point. But we also feel that it is time now that the media attempts a more positive outlook, reporting at least one positive event a day! Devote a part of the paper to say something good about India which is real and not false. If the major papers do this, there will be a great attitudinal change in the country. Similarly, the electronic media can also help to create a new climate: report one good event a day not just from a metropolis or city but from different parts of the country. Let us discover our heroes and heroines who silently work all over the country. These heroes and heroines just fade away in the memories of people because their accomplishments have not been documented or reported by media-electronic or print.

- (a) Read the following statements and say which statements are true and which are false : 5x1=5
- (i) The media plays an important role in forming opinions about politicians.
 - (ii) The news presented by media is objective and factual.
 - (iii) Exciting and thrilling events don't happen everyday in the country.
 - (iv) The role of the press is primarily to highlight problems.
 - (v) It is uninteresting to report positive events.

- (b) Answer the following questions. 5x2=10
- (i) How does media influence public opinion ?
 - (ii) Why does media look for exciting and thrilling news ?
 - (iii) What does media try to cover if there is nothing exciting or thrilling ?
 - (iv) According to the writer what should be the role of the media.
 - (v) What would be the result of reporting positive events ?

2. Do as directed : 5x2=10

- (a) "I have joined the minister's personal staff" said Ms Mattoo. (Change into indirect speech)
- (b) Mukesh makes delicious dessert. (Change the voice)
- (c) The woman is my mother's sister she has written a prize-winning novel. (Combine the above sentences into one using ".....who" in the sentence.
- (d) I have been living _____ this house _____ seven years. (Use appropriate prepositions)
- (e) Better sanitary conditions and _____ improved environment are _____ most important requirements for health.

3. Correct the following sentences : 5x1=5

- (a) One cannot make an omelette without break eggs.
- (b) I am not knowing whether my uncle came last night.
- (c) One of our neighbour is a teacher.
- (d) She said that she has bought the flowers.
- (e) Each man built its own house.

4. Write an essay in about **200** words on *any one* of the following topics : 10

- (a) The pleasures of reading.
- (b) The celebration of festivals in India.
- (c) A day in the life of a working woman.
- (d) My five -point plan to root out corruption.

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

- (a) Manu wishes to go for a picnic but Mini wants to spend her holiday at home.
 - (b) My father wants me to take up journalism but I want to be a fashion designer.
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