

[23BEN201]  
**UG PROGRAM (4 YEARS HONORS) WITH SINGLE MAJOR**  
**AT THE END OF THE SECOND SEMESTER**  
**ENGLISH- A COURSE IN READING & WRITING SKILLS**  
**(COMMON FOR ALL MAJORS)**  
**(w.e.f. Admitted Batch 2023-24)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Maximum: 70 marks**

**SECTION -A**

**Answer any FIVE questions. Each question carries 4 marks.**

**(5x4=20)**

**1. Rewrite the following sentences while filling the blanks in the second sentence of each pair with an appropriate form of the word given in *Italics* in the first sentence:**

1. He is very *innovative* in his profession.  
His recent \_\_\_\_\_ received an international award.
2. Children are *curious* to know many things.  
We should not kill their \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Students should be *attentive* in the class.  
Paying close \_\_\_\_\_ to the teacher's instruction can make them understand subject better.
4. She is a *responsible* employee in the company.  
Her \_\_\_\_\_ is to take care of the optimum use of resources.

**2. State whether the following statements are True or False:**

1. Scanning is a reading technique. (            )
2. Skimming and Scanning are the same reading strategies. (            )
3. Scanning is a detailed reading technique to understand every word of a text. (            )
4. Skimming is effective for quickly finding specific information within a text. (            )

**3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions:**

In the 16th century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favour. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain. A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally, they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

1. Who is referred as 'a young Portuguese noble' in the above passage?
2. In which century a great marine and terrestrial exploration occurred?
3. What was Magellan offered?
4. Where did the ships reach?
5. Magellan named the passage \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Strait of Magellan   b) Strait of All Saints   c) Strait of Charles V   d) Strait of Ferdinand

4. Expand the following paragraph:  
A stitch in time saves nine.

5. Write a letter to your friend describing a local historical place that you have visited recently.

6. Match the following:

A	B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One who is present everywhere</li> <li>• Study of living things</li> <li>• A system ruled or controlled by men</li> <li>• Writing of one's own life story</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Patriarchy</li> <li>b. Autobiography</li> <li>c. Omnipresent</li> <li>d. Biology</li> </ul>

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the given below to make acceptable collocations:

old, ardent, significant, pretty, dangerous, ugly, blunt, save,

1. Although the doctors tried hard, they couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ his life.
2. I am an \_\_\_\_\_ admirer of your work.
3. She gave me some \_\_\_\_\_ advice and I took it.
4. It seems no time at all since I started work and here, I am at \_\_\_\_\_ age.

8. Given below are a few sentences. State whether each of them is formal or informal.

1. Tell me where the manager room is?
2. Could you please let me know the exact time of my appointment?
3. May I know your application number.
4. Hi, how are you?

### SECTION - B

Answer all the questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

(5x10=50)

9. a) Sketch the character of Ulysses.

(Or)

b) Analyse the poem 'Ulysses' as a yearning for individualism and knowledge.

10. a) Discuss the message of the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made'?

(Or)

b) What was Florence Nightingale's view on nursing education? How did she influence the British society in this regard?



11. a) Explain the central theme of the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'?

(Or)

b) 'The Night Train at Deoli' signifies the unfulfilled love of the central character. Justify.

12. a) How does the poet describe motherhood in 'Night of the Scorpion'?

(Or)

b) You are working as a principal. You have planned to organize an urgent meeting with the lecturers. Prepare a notice along with the agenda to invite and discuss the admission issues.

13. a) Explain the themes of fate and free will in R.K Narayan's 'An Astrologer's Day'.

(Or)

b) Prepare a Curriculum Vitae responding to the following advertisement:

ABC group is looking for HR executive. You should be a graduate with 25 years of age with 2 years of experience in the concerned field. Mail your CV to [recruit@abc.com](mailto:recruit@abc.com).