

**UG-176**

**BFEG-11**

**U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION –  
JUNE, 2018.**

**First Year**

**English**

**FOUNDATION ENGLISH**

**Time : 3 hours**

**Maximum marks : 75**

1. Annotate any TWO of the following. (2 × 4 = 8)
  - (a) Bangle sellers are we who bear Our shining loads to the temple fair.
  - (b) After dinner, sitting on the pyol, he told her: 'Do you know a great load is gone from me today'?
  - (c) Some, like the flame of her marriage fire, or rich with the hue of her hearts desire.
  - (d) If you find my answers satisfactory, will you give five rupees?
  
2. Write any TWO of the following in about 200 words each. (2 × 10 = 20)
  - (a) How is the social life of England picturized? Explain.
  - (b) Write an essay on RK. Narayan's An Astrologer's day.

- (c) Write an essay highlighting the theme and mood of the poem 'Bangle Sellers'.
  - (d) Write a letter to your father requesting him to permit you to attend a conference in Delhi.
  - (e) Explain the uses of conjunction with examples.
3. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (4 × 3 = 12)

The use of tobacco can seriously impair the users' health. It can lead to cancer, heart attack, strokes and chronic lung disease. Babies born to mothers who smoke are often smaller and less healthy than babies born to mothers who do not smoke, Bronchitis and pneumonia are serious illnesses common in babies born to parents who smoke, but less common in babies born to parents who do not smoke. Babies whose parents smoke also have a greater risk of suffering from chronic lung disease after they become adults. We know that alcoholic beverages actually poison the body. Drinking alcohol causes changes in mood and results in lack of judgement and restraint, slurred speech, staggering and clumsiness. Large amount of alcohol can produce drowsiness, stupor and even death.

- (a) What are the illnesses mentioned in babies whose parents smoke?
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ occurs to babies who smoke even after they become adults.
- (c) Large amount of \_\_\_\_\_ can produce drowsiness.
- (d) The use of tobacco usually impairs the \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Answer the following as directed.
- (a) Fill in the blanks with correct tense forms given in bracket. (3 × 2 = 6)
- (i) He \_\_\_\_\_ (will go) for a picnic by this time next week.
  - (ii) Meena \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) her homework just now.
  - (iii) The stars \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) in the sky.
- (b) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. (3 × 2 = 6)
- (i) My uncle is \_\_\_\_\_ doctor.
  - (ii) Ravi was asked to meet \_\_\_\_\_ police.
  - (iii) Maya reads \_\_\_\_\_ book.
- (c) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. (4 × 2 = 8)
- (i) T.Nagar is \_\_\_\_\_ Chennai.
  - (ii) The books are \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
  - (iii) Mala is fond \_\_\_\_\_ fruits.
  - (iv) Madhan lives in London \_\_\_\_\_ 1996.

5. Write a precis of the following passage.

(1 × 15 = 15)

Water is the elixir of life. The water that percolates down the porous soil and gets stored alone sustains most of the human race. As the world population has exploded the pressure on potable water is also high. So, there is a need to preserve Rain water. When rain falls occasionally, the animals in forest migrate to long distances in search of water. Small check dams build in different places hold rain water and help animals face severe droughts in forests. Man has ever been the most ungrateful wretch. He keeps on digging borewells and uses water to the maximum without ever bothering to replenish the water tables. As a result, there is a seepage of seawater in borewells in cities located near the shore — Besides agriculture is becoming economically unviable because of less availability of water for irrigation. So, Tamil Nadu State Government has promulgated an ordinance insisting on rain harvesting in all the homes throughout the state. Harvesting rain is like repaying mother earth what we have been robbing for centuries. Let us be grateful and continue to harvest rain to sustain plant kingdom and human race on the earth.