

BDP / BCA / BTS
Term-End Examination
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FEG-1 : FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH-1

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Answer all questions.

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

She is not an easy subject to film or write about. Sampat Pal Devi, the 54-year-old self-proclaimed 'commander-in-chief' of the 'Gulabi Gang', a group of vigilante women that operate out of Uttar Pradesh's notorious areas of Bundelkhand, has been variously praised as an activist, a feminist, and a pioneer of sorts. It is, however, useful to ask if the kind of strategies followed by the Gulabi Gang can be continued for some time in a world where women experience violence on so many fronts.

A new documentary, "Gulabi Gang" directed by Nisha Jain tackles this difficult subject. According to her website, the group was formed spontaneously when she witnessed a farmer in her village mercilessly beat up his wife. When she tried to intervene, the man turned around and abused her. Sampat Pal collected a few women, went back to the man's house, and thrashed him until he begged for mercy.

From that incident in 2006 was born the Gulabi Gang which now has a membership of 2,00,000. The women pay a membership fee, and are given a pink sari and a stick as a uniform. They respond to calls for help not just on violence, or dowry torture and death but also police inaction and corruption in the district administration. Their fame has spread beyond Bundelkhand.

Jain's documentary tries to be non-judgemental, recording some of the cases that the Gulabi Gang tackles and through this bringing out the many shades of grey that layer the work as well as the issues around violence against women. For this reason alone, such documentation is important. It is much too easy

to come out with pat solutions for problems facing women. Empower them, educate them, make them economically self-sufficient — then they will not have to suffer violence.

- (a) (i) Give the passage an appropriate title. 2
- (ii) Does the passage support the methods used by Gulabi Gang ? Why / Why not ? 2
- (iii) How was the Gulabi Gang formed ? Narrate the incident in about 30 – 35 words. 3
- (iv) In what way do the members of the Gulabi Gang identify themselves with the group ? 1
- (v) In what instances does the Gulabi Gang intervene ? 2
- (vi) What, according to the author, are ways to stop violence against women ? 2

- (b) Complete the statements given below :
- (i) Sampat Pal Devi, the leader of the Gulabi Gang has been referred to as an _____ and a _____. $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- (ii) It is not certain whether the strategies used by Gulabi Gang _____ (are justified / are sustainable) in a world where women suffer violence on many fronts. 1
- (c) Pick a word from the first paragraph which is used for 'a member or a group of people who try to prevent crime or punish criminals in their community, especially because they think the police are not doing this.' 1

2. Do as directed :

- (a) Shomen bhai _____ (practise) organic farming for the last decade or so. The experience _____ (be) quite profitable. (Use correct form of the verbs provided) 2
- (b) I don't remember very clearly. I _____ (had been / certainly was / must have been) in primary school when I first _____ (have seen / did see / saw) the Rajdhani Express train running through the fields. (Select appropriate words) 2

(c) This organisation puts up exhibitions containing the work of new artists. This way new artists get some visibility. (Combine using the linker 'so that') 2

(d) Donating blood is safe as long as you are donating at _____ well-known event or _____ Red Cross sponsored drive. (Insert appropriate articles) 2

(e) We must keep young children away _____ family members who are suffering _____ cold or flu. (Insert suitable prepositions) 2

3. Correct the following :

(a) All the researchers are working hardly to meet the deadline as the project is coming to a close. 1

(b) The Himalayas form youngest mountain range in the world. 1

(c) Don't never cast a doubt on a person's abilities without giving him/her a fair chance to prove himself/herself. 1

- (d) As the house was very old, I disposed it away. 1
- (e) He appealed to the bystanders to help the accident victims. But he got a little help from them. 1
4. Write an essay in about 200 words on any *one* of the given topics : 10
- (a) The Mobile Phone, an essential item today
- (b) The changes I would like to see in my country
- (c) Clean India, Happy India
- (d) The Advantages of Distance Education
5. Write a dialogue of about 150 words on any *one* of the following : 10
- (a) Barun has boarded an AC 3-Tier Coach with a valid ticket, but no reservation. The Travelling Ticket Inspector asks him why he has boarded the train without reservation. Barun gives him a genuine reason for doing so. The TTI offers to help him get a berth.

OR

(b) Gurjeet is surprised when she meets her friend Sumati. Sumati looks smart and confident. She informs Gurjeet that her course in Tourism has helped her to get a job and a career. She advises Gurjeet to take up the course.
