

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 the questions.

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

Vimala Devi prefers being addressed as the mother of Sarita rather than people calling Sarita her daughter. "Who wouldn't like to be known as the mother of the brave heart girl. For me, it's immense honour to have given birth to a girl who has carved a niche for herself against all odds," says the doting mother.

Media glare is not new to Vimala Devi. Her daughter's courageous fight against her physical disabilities has invited immense media attention for the family in recent times, with praises emanating from all quarters. But despite all the high profile meetings – from President of India to higher army officials and bureaucrats - Vimala still remembers the fateful day when her daughter,

Sarita, was electrocuted by a 11,000 watt high tension wire. The doctors had to amputate Sarita's hands and the right leg. Though heart broken, Vimala recollected her nerves and instilled courage in Sarita along with raising her other children. The most important fact was Vimala encouraged Sarita to continue with her studies and learn writing skills with the toes of her left foot.

Today Sarita is not only self reliant and can manage all her daily activities but is also perfect in handling delicate strokes of paint and brush while being equally proficient in things like stitching, embroidery, etc. She has also twice been awarded with President's Medal 'Bal Shree', besides other awards.

"The world came down for us after Sarita's electrocution in 1995. But I mustered courage and resolved that my daughter would not be second to anyone," said the proud mother.

"I started encouraging her to do small things like picking up a utensil for me or trying to write holding her pencil with her foot. She finally started her studies in 1999," Vimala added. "Today we feel proud when she gets various awards. She confidently appeared in the board examinations too," said the mother with a glint in her eyes.

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Monday, May 11, 2009)

- (a) Answer the questions that follow :
- (i) Give an appropriate title to the passage. 2
 - (ii) Why does Vimala Devi prefer being addressed as the mother of Sarita rather than people calling Sarita, her daughter ? 2
 - (iii) Vimala Devi and her daughter have received a lot of media attention. State the reason for this attention. 2
 - (iv) Briefly describe the tragedy in which Sarita lost most of her limbs. 2
 - (v) "My daughter would not be second to anyone" Vimala Devi had resolved. What efforts did she make to ensure this ? 2
- (b) Say whether the statements given below are *true* or *false*.
- (i) When Sarita's arms and right leg were imputed, Vimala Devis world crashed around her. She didn't know what to do with a helpless child. 1
 - (ii) The passage conveys the message that the impossible becomes possible when you live with courage and determination. 1
- (c) Pick out words from paragraph 2 which mean the same as 'gathered her wits/courage'. 1

2. Do as directed :
- (a) You remember incidents from your childhood. 2
(Change into the interrogative form)
- (b) I _____ (have seen/saw) the Red Fort. 2
I _____ (have seen/saw) it in the year 2006.
- (c) Please give a report on the places 2
_____ you went and the people you met. (Use suitable connector)
- (d) After _____ (inspect) the workshop 2
the officer (proceed) towards the front office. (Use suitable form of the verb)
- (e) I shall buy the house. The bank should give 1
the loan. (Join the sentences using a conditional clause).
- (f) The construction company will complete the 2
bridge in 2011. (Change into the passive voice)
- (g) The bus _____ (leave) before I reached 1
the bus stop.

3. Correct the following sentences : 5x1=5
- (a) The cloron's jokes fell down on the audience.
- (b) They spoke boldly and unhesitatingly. They had nothing to fear as they were in the clearing.
- (c) He arranged to the children to receive training in football.
- (d) The girl which stood in the hall was none other than my sister.
- (e) This machine is made off many small parts.

4. Write an essay in about 200 words on *any one* of the following topics. 10
- (a) Women Empowerment in India.
 - (b) How I wish to serve my country.
 - (c) Freedom and Responsibility.
 - (d) Say 'no' to plastics.

5. Write a dialogue of about 150 words on *any one* of the following situations : 10
- Surbhi is talking to her friend Mohini. She tells her about a strange dream she had the night before. Mohini asks her questions related to the happening in the dream and relates them to Surbhi's feelings.

OR

Mr. Singh rings up the hospital for an ambulance. His neighbour Mr. Banilal has suddenly taken ill. The clerk at the hospital makes the relevant enquiries.
