

BDP / BCA / BTS**Term-End Examination** 24121
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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 nation is proud of its scientists and scholars, though, of course, many of them would reply that they doubt whether the nation cares for them at all. When asked why many of our best and brightest have gone abroad to make a living, they opine that this is because as a nation we have not cared for the talented and meritorious. There is some truth in what they say. However, by and large, compared to the situation before independence, government assistance has provided a tremendous opportunity for higher education. If today Indian scientists, technologists and scholars in different fields are respected world wide, it is because of the education system we have built up. Our excellence is evident even

within the confines of the limited opportunities which are available for research and development in the universities and the national R&D laboratories. We believe and appeal that scientists, researchers and scholars should shed their pessimism. There are many reasons for it. We are both a part of their community. We know the problems they face, especially the younger ones, and also those who are not in positions of power in these institutions, the so-called middle levels and the lower levels. We appeal to these people to think big, because they are the only ones who understand the forces of technological modernization and the new energies that can be unleashed through technologies. They also have the capability to absorb the knowledge base which is growing at an explosive rate.

- (a) Read the following statements and say which statements are true and which are false : **5x1=5**
- (i) Scientists and scholars firmly believe that they are cared for in the country.
 - (ii) After independence government has helped in providing opportunities for higher education.
 - (iii) Scientists and scholars command respect because of the money they earn.

- (iv) Even within the limited opportunities available people have excelled in their own fields.
- (v) The younger generation does not have the capability to absorb the growing knowledge base.
- (b) (i) Why have many scientists and scholars gone abroad ? 5x2=10
- (ii) "We have not cared for the talented and the meritorious." Whose opinion is this ?
- (iii) How has the education system affected the scientists & scholars of India ?
- (iv) What are the appeals that the writer makes to the scientists, scholars and researchers ?
- (v) What capability do these people have with respect to the knowledge base ?

2. Do as directed : 5x2=10

(a) "I am going to change my mobile tomorrow," said Ashok.

(change into indirect speech)

(b) My sister writes good poems.

(change the voice)

(c) He contributed money to the cause of the girl child.

He also helped in educating them.

(Combine the above sentences into one using-- Not only _____ but also).

(d) Chiki is coming _____ USA
_____ a fortnight.

(Use appropriate prepositions)

(e) The rainy season is my favourite time of _____ year, especially since it marks the end of _____ sticky sweaty summer.

(Use appropriate articles)

3. Correct the following sentences : 1x5=5

(a) Where is my pair of sock kept ?

(b) Miki is not knowing where her green dress is kept.

(c) Manish is tallest than me.

(d) Somebody have stolen my mother's purse.

(e) I am knowing the principal very well.

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

(a) Rising costs of living is one of the factors for increased corruption.

(b) Films and their changing character.

(c) The joy of growing plants.

(d) A healthy diet.

5. Write a dialogue in about **150** words on *any one* 10
of the following situations :
- (a) Pooja wants to order food from a restaurant while her mother insists that she eat home cooked food.
 - (b) Shantanu wants to go to the gym but his wife Shweta wants to go for a walk in the park.
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