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BEGLA-135 : ENGLISH IN DAILY LIFE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt all questions.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

It was a high speech of Seneca, that the good things, which belong to prosperity are to be wished; but the good things, that belong to adversity are to be admired. Certainly, if

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miracles be the command over nature, they appear most in adversity. It is yet a higher speech of his, than the other. It is true greatness, to have in one the frailty of a man, and the security of a God. This would have done better in poesy; where transcendences are more allowed. And the poets indeed have been busy with it; for it is in effect the thing, which figured in that strange fiction of the ancient poets which seemed not to be without mystery; nay, and to have same approach to the state of a Christian; that Hercules, when he went to unbind Prometheus, sailed the length of the great ocean, in an earthen pot or pitcher; lively describing Christian resolution, that saileth in the frail bark of the flesh, through the waves of the world. The virtue of prosperity is temperance; the virtue of adversity, is fortitude; which in morals is the more heroical virtue. Prosperity is the

blessing of the Old Testament, adversity is the blessing of the New; which carrieth the greater benediction. Yet even in the Old Testament, if you listen to David's harp, you shall hear as many hearse-like airs as carols and the pencil of the Holy Ghost hath laboured more in describing the afflictions of job, than the felicities of Solomon. Prosperity is not without many fears and distastes; and adversity is not without comfort and hopes. We see in needle-works, it is more pleasing to have a lively work upon a sad and solemn ground than to have a dark and melancholy work upon a lightsome ground; judge therefore of the pleasure of the heart, by the pleasure of the eye.

Answer the following questions : $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (i) According to Seneca, what are the 'good things' of adversity and how should they be regarded ?

- (ii) What comparison does the author make between the blessings of Old Testament and the New ?
 - (iii) How does the author describe the relationship between prosperity and adversity with regard to virtue ?
 - (iv) What does the author mean when he says 'prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity best discover virtue ?
 - (v) What analogy does the author use involving needle-work to describe the effect of adversity and prosperity on the heart ?
2. Think of a time you helped someone. How did it affect you and what did you learn from the experience ? Write in **250** words. 20

Or

Write about a place you have visited that left a lasting impression on you. What made it memorable ?

3. Write a speech to deliver on Teachers' Day, expressing gratitude to the teachers and reflecting on their roles in shaping students' future. 20

4. (a) Create a dialogue between a student and a teacher, where the student is seeking advice or how to improve their performance in class. Frame 10 turns each. 10

- (b) Pick out *five* words with silent letters : 5

Thumb, Tiger, Knock, Paper, Doubt,
Laptop, Salmon, Listen

- (c) Your class has been given the opportunity to meet a professional athlete. Write *five* questions you could ask them about their training routine and challenges in their career. 5
5. (a) Fill in the blanks using prepositions : 10
- (i) She is found reading books.
 - (ii) The cat jumped the table to catch the mouse.
 - (iii) I am looking forward our vacation next month.
 - (iv) He is not interested playing games.
 - (v) The children ran the park after school.
 - (vi) We arrivedthe airport just in time.

- (vii) She is good solving problem.
- (viii) The book is the sheet above the desk.
- (ix) They are planning to meet noon at the cafe.
- (x) The apologised being late.
- (b) Complete the following using adverbs/adverb phrases : 5
- (i) The sun was shining in the sky.
- (ii) She spoke so that I could barely hear.
- (iii) The train moved through the countryside.
- (iv) He agreed to help her with the assignment.
- (v) The children laughed the clown's tricks.

(c) Find out the correct words for the jumbled words given below : 5

(i) ARTHE

(ii) RTONIAGIM

(iii) CTUPOREM

(iv) OTNAICDEU

(v) LAPITSOH

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