

**BA ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE
FIRST SEMESTER
COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH
BAAG – 106**

**SET
B**

[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

(Objective)

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1 × 20 = 20

- Please do not interfere _____ my personal affairs.
a. About
b. In
c. of
d. on
- He looks upset; I think he took the criticism _____ heart.
a. to
b. About
c. In
d. of
- Nafeesa is afraid _____ spiders.
a. from
b. of
c. to
d. in
- Although ---- species of fox are reddish in color, ---- Arctic fox is often pure white.
a. Most/the
b. Any/the
c. A great amount of/an
d. None
- Unfortunately, I have ---- talent for music although I have always wanted to be a famous singer.
a. A few
b. Little
c. Plenty of
d. Few
- My mother said to me, "Please do not disturb me."
a. My mother requested me to do not disturb her.
b. My mother requested me not to disturb her.
c. My mother told me to disturb her.
d. My mother asked that not to disturb her.
- She said, "I am eating rice."
a. She said she is eating rice
b. She said that she was eating rice.
c. She said that she were eating rice.
d. She said she was eating rice.
- Our task had been completed before sunset. (voice)
a. We completed our task before sunset.
b. We have completed our task before sunset.
c. We complete our task before sunset.
d. We had completed our task before sunset.
- I am paid weekly by my organisation. (voice change)
a. My organization will pay me weekly
b. My organization pays me weekly
c. My organization paid me weekly
d. My organization would pay me weekly

10. **Wow**, you have got a great score.
- a. Conjunction
b. Interjection
c. Pronoun
d. None of these
11. The teacher set some homework _____ the end of the lesson.
- a. About
b. In
c. of
d. At
12. I am worried _____ the exam.
- a. in
b. About
c. on
d. of
13. The Amazon in Brazil is _____ longest river in _____ South America.
- a. The/an
b. The/a
c. The/the
d. None of these
14. The report concludes sadly that ---- students have ---- knowledge of nuclear physics.
- a. Very few/some
b. Both/whole
c. Every/no
d. None/any
15. "Let's wait together for our friend here", said Raja.
- a. Raja said that let's wait together for our friend there.
b. Raja told that let's wait together for our friend here.
c. Raja suggested that we should wait together for our friend there.
d. None of these.
16. He said, "Alas! He is no more."
- a. He exclaimed that he is no more.
b. He told that he was no more.
c. He exclaimed in sorrow that he was no more.
d. He exclaimed in sorrow that he is no more.
17. They will demolish the entire block. (voice)
- a. The entire block is being demolished.
b. The block may be demolished entirely.
c. The entire block will have to be demolished by them.
d. The entire block will be demolished.
18. The soldiers are digging a deep trench. (voice)
- a. A Deep trench is digging by the soldiers.
b. A deep trench is being dug by the soldiers
c. A deep trench is dug by the soldiers.
d. A deep trench was being dug by the soldiers.
19. The baby crawled **under** the bed.
- a. Preposition
b. Conjunction
c. Adjective
d. None of these
20. Choose the correct Part of Speech from the given options-
She was wearing really **beautiful** earrings.
- a. Adjective
b. Adverb
c. Noun
d. Pronoun

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(Descriptive)

Time : 2 Hr. 30 Mins.

Marks : 50

[Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest]

1. Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics- (180 – 200 words) 10
 - a) Rome was not built in a day.
 - b) Prevention is better than cure.
2. You visited a Job Fair organised by Ability Foundation at Chennai recently. You were impressed to see that nearly 55 companies from various sectors such as information technology, telecommunication, electronics etc. offered jobs to the final year students of colleges. As a reporter of 'The Deccan Times', Chennai, prepare a report in 150 words. You are Peeyush/Priya. 10
3. You are Chetan Sharma, a commerce graduate from Delhi University. You are seeking a suitable job. You came across an advertisement in The Times of India, inviting young and dynamic fresh graduates as sales assistants in a reputed company. Apply for the said job to Box No. 8365, C/o The Times of India, New Delhi. 10
4. Write a letter to your pen-friend who is coming to meet you for the first time—how he/she should recognise you. You will be waiting to receive him/her at the Railway Station. 10
5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 2×5=10

Today's woman is a highly self-directed person, alive to the sense of her dignity and the importance of her functions in the private domestic domain and the public domain of the world of work. Women are rational in approach, careful in handling situations and want to do things as best as possible. The Fourth World Conference of Women held in Beijing in September 1995 had emphasized that no enduring solution of society's most threatening social, economic and political problems could be found without the participation and empowerment of the women. The 1995 World Summit for Social Development had also emphasised the pivotal role of women in eradicating poverty and mending the social fabric.

The Constitution of India had conferred on women equal rights and opportunities political, social, and educational and of employment with men. Because of oppressive traditions, superstitions, exploitation and corruption, a majority of women are not allowed to enjoy the rights and opportunities, bestowed on them. One of the major reasons for this state of affairs is the lack of literacy and awareness among women. Education is the main instrument through which we can narrow down the prevailing inequality and accelerate the process of economic and political change in the status of women.

The role of women in a society is very important. Women's education is the key to a better life in the future. A recent World Bank study says that educating girls is not a charity, it is good economics and if developing nations are to eradicate poverty, they must educate the girls. The report says that the economic and social returns on investment in education of the girls considerably affect the human development index of the nation. Society would progress only if the status of women is respected and the presence of

an educated woman in the family would ensure education of the family itself. Education and empowerment of women are closely related.

Women's education has not received due care and attention from the planners and policymakers. The National Commission for Women has rightly pointed out that even after 50 years of independence; women continue to be treated as the single largest group of backward citizens of India. The role of women in overall development has not been fully understood nor has it been given its full weight in the struggle to eliminate poverty, hunger, injustice and inequality at the national level. Even when we are at the threshold of the 21st century, our society still discriminates against women in matters of their rights and privileges and prevents them from participating in the process of national and societal progress.

Various Committees and Commissions have been constituted before and after the independence to evaluate the progress in women's education and to suggest ways and means to enhance the status of women. The female literacy rate has gone up in the 20th century from 0.6 per cent in 1901 to 39.29 per cent in 1991 but India still possesses the largest number of illiterate women in the world. The female literacy index for the year 1991 shows that there are eight States which fall below the national average. The most populous States of the country, UP, MP, Bihar and Rajasthan fall in the category of most backward States as far as female literacy is concerned.

The prevailing cultural norms of gender behaviour and the perceived domestic and reproductive roles of women tend to affect the education of girls. Negative attitude towards sending girls to schools, restrictions on their mobility, early marriage, poverty and illiteracy of parents affect the girl's participation in education.

Women's political empowerment got a big boost with the Panchayati Raj Act of 1993 which gave them 30 per cent reservation in Village Panchayats, Block Samities and Zila Parishads throughout the country. The National Commission for Women was also set up in 1992 to act as a lobby for women's issues.

The educational system is the only institution which can counteract the deep foundations of inequality of sexes that are built in the minds of people through the socialization process. Education is the most important instrument of human resource development. Educational system should be used to revolutionize the traditional attitudes and inculcate new values of equality.

- a) Mention any two attributes of a modern woman.
- b) Why are women's participation and empowerment considered necessary?
- c) Which factors adversely affect the education of girls?
- d) What benefits did the women get with the enactment of the Panchayati Raj Act of 1993?
- e) By what process can we remove the sense of inequality of sexes from the minds of the people?

6. Write a paragraph on: - The Present Role of Democracy in a Diversified Country like India. 10
7. Write a paragraph on: - Crimes against Women in India. 10
8. Write a paragraph on: - Impact of Social Media in the lives of people of India. 10

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