



**ECGS**  
**EDUCATION**

**Practice Paper of BEGC-131**

**Individual & Society**

**Q:1 Comprehension Passage: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

"The river Ganga has a unique position in the cultural ethos of India. From time immemorial, the Ganga has been worshipped as a sacred river and even today it is regarded as the holiest of rivers by many Indians. Apart from its cultural significance, the river has great importance for the Indian economy..."

**Questions:**

- a) Why is the river Ganga said to occupy a unique position in the cultural ethos of India?
- b) According to the passage, why is the river Ganga extremely important for the Indian economy?
- c) What are the main sources of pollution of the Ganga?

- d) What is the environmental impact of hydroelectric dams on the river?
- e) In what way has intensive cultivation and urbanization affected the natural life of the Ganga basin?
- f) What is the first step to be taken to clean up the river Ganga?
- g) What are the major chemical pollutants found in the river?
- h) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

**Q:2 Vocabulary in Context: Use the following words in sentences of your own:**

- a) Endangered
- b) Habitats
- c) Degradation
- d) Unique
- e) Reverence

### Section B: Grammar and Usage

**Q:3 Matching Vocabulary: Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B:**

A

B

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|----------------|---|
| a) Demographic | i) Introduce new ideas                      |
| b) Chronic     | ii) Bright and impressive                   |
| c) Resplendent | iii) Referring to sound                     |
| d) Acoustic    | iv) Most important                          |
| e) Frail       | v) A pleasure trip on a ship                |
| f) Proliferate | vi) Lasting a long time                     |
| g) Recurrence  | vii) Increase rapidly in number             |
| h) Leading     | viii) Pertaining to the study of population |
| i) Cruise      | ix) Happening again                         |
| j) Innovate    | x) Weak and delicate                        |

**Q:4 Fill in the Blanks: Fill in the blanks using appropriate words from the options provided:**

(Options: have, do, shows, does, has, vacation, lose, vocation, loose, might)

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ your mother work in this school?
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ you have a pen that I can borrow?
- c) I prefer to \_\_\_\_\_ my dinner early.

- d) My watch \_\_\_\_\_ both the date and the time.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ the chief guest arrived already?
- f) I went to the cinema hall and watched both the morning and afternoon \_\_\_\_\_.
- g) If you are not careful, you may \_\_\_\_\_ the documents.
- h) I have decided to make music my \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) I hope you will enjoy your \_\_\_\_\_ in Singapore.
- j) \_\_\_\_\_ he take the metro to go to work?

**Q:5 Grammar Correction:**

**a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word in brackets:**

- i) The new international airport is under \_\_\_\_\_. (construct)
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the river in a small boat can be dangerous during the rainy season. (Cross)
- iii) Doctors were finding it difficult to cope with so many \_\_\_\_\_ people. (injure)
- iv) Nearly 40% of the Indian population is \_\_\_\_\_ in the agricultural sector. (employ)
- v) We \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi to visit the museum yesterday. (hire)

**b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles/prepositions:**

- i) Kalidasa was \_\_\_\_\_ greatest poet of his time.

- ii) \_\_\_\_\_ Rocky Mountains are in North America.
- iii) You will need \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella in the rainy season.
- iv) The steam engine was invented \_\_\_\_\_ James Watt.
- v) He was born \_\_\_\_\_ a small village in Punjab.

### **Section C: Writing Skills**

**Q:6 Dialogue Writing:** Your friend and you are planning to go on a short trip to Kashmir during the vacation. Write out a dialogue in about 200 words where you discuss travel plans, arrangement of accommodation, and other details with him/her.

**Q:7 Letter Writing:** Write a letter to the secretary of your residential association requesting him/her to improve sports facilities in your locality.

**Q:8 Speech Writing:** You have been invited to deliver a speech to a local youth group on the occasion of Earth Day. Write out a speech in about 250 words on the topic: “The Importance of Water Conservation.”

**Q:9 Essay Writing:** Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following topics:

- a) Coping with Air Pollution in Indian Cities
- b) Classical Dance Forms of India