

**BAEL–102****Advanced Reading and Writing Skills**

Bachelor of Arts (BA–12/16/17)

First Year, Examination, 2017

**Time : 3 Hours****Max. Marks : 80**

**Note :** This paper is of **eighty (80)** marks containing **three (03)** Sections A, B and C. Learners are required to attempt the questions contained in these Sections according to the detailed instructions given therein.

**Section–A****(Long Answer Type Questions)**

**Note :** Section ‘A’ contains four (04) long answer type questions of nineteen (19) marks each. Learners are required to answer *two* (02) questions only.

1. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics :
  - (a) Visit to a hill-station
  - (b) India of my Dreams
2. (a) Write a letter to the Editor of a daily criticising the indiscriminate use of loud speakers during examination.  
(b) Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to give you a Transfer Certificate and a Character Certificate.
3. Distinguish between Simile and Metaphor, giving examples.

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

Though I had acquired a nodding acquaintance with Hinduism and other religions of the world, I should have known that it would not be enough to save me in my trials. Of the thing that sustains him through trials, man has no inkling, much less knowledge, at the time. If an unbeliever, he will attribute his safety to chance. If a believer, he will say God saved him. He will conclude, as well he may, that his religious study or spiritual discipline was at the back of the state of grace within him. But, in the hour of his deliverance he does not know whether his spiritual discipline or something else saved him. Who that has prided himself on his spiritual strength has not seen it humbled to the dust ? A knowledge of religion, as distinguished from experience, seems but chaff in such moment of trial.

Answer the following questions :

- (a) What does the author mean by having “acquired a nodding acquaintance with Hinduism” ? 2
- (b) Summarize the above passage. 5
- (c) What message is the author trying to convey in the passage ? 2
- (d) What is meant by “in the hour of deliverance” ? 2
- (e) Give a suitable title to the above passage. 2
- (f) Provide meanings of the following words and use them in sentences of your own : 6
- (i) sustain
- (ii) grace
- (iii) distinguish

**Section-B****(Short Answer Type Questions)**

**Note :** Section 'B' contains eight (08) short answer type questions of eight (08) marks each. Learners are required to answer *four* (04) questions only.

1. What is a Memorandum and how is it prepared ?
2. Write a report on a railway accident which has just occurred in your town.
3. Write an application for the post of Assistant Professor in a college.
4. Write an invitation as the Principal of DAV College, Dehradun, inviting all to the annual day celebration of the college which is scheduled to be held at the college auditorium at 4 : 00 in the evening on 7th October, 2018.
5. Complete the following sentences using appropriate compound adjectives from the given choices :  
broad-minded, best-selling, well-known, red-handed
  - (a) Shakespeare is a ..... playwright of the Renaissance.
  - (b) Chetan Bhagat's novels have been the ..... novels so far.
  - (c) To understand the problems of the other communities, one has to be ..... .
  - (d) The burglar was caught ..... .
6. Use the following phrasal verbs in your own sentences :
  - (a) put away
  - (b) call off

- (c) put on
  - (d) get away
7. Write a note on Allegory.
8. Define Agenda. Also, give its characteristic features.

### Section-C

#### (Objective Type Questions)

**Note :** Section 'C' contains ten (10) objective type questions of one (01) mark each. All the questions of this Section are compulsory.

Choose the right answer :

1. "Jesus is the lamb of God" is an example of :
- (a) Simile
  - (b) Metaphor
  - (c) Personification
  - (d) Oxymoron
2. "His parents bought him a new set of wheels." Find out the figure of speech in the given sentence :
- (a) Synecdoche
  - (b) Metonymy
  - (c) Simile
  - (d) Paradox
3. Alliteration is :
- (a) repetition of the vowel sound in poetry
  - (b) repetition of the first consonant sound in words of poetry
  - (c) Both (a) and (b)
  - (d) None of these

Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options given in bracket :

4. Very few students ..... in the class today due to heavy rainfall. (turned down, turned up)
5. I ..... her in the hospital corridors. (ran into, ran away)
6. She ..... from the bus before her stop. (got off, got down)

Indicate whether the following statements are True *or* False :

7. A report is based on data. (True/False)
8. The language of a business letter should be informal. (True/False)
9. Synecdoche is used to represent part as whole. (True/False)
10. A fable is a short story that concludes with a moral. (True/False)

