

BAEL-102

Advanced Reading and Writing Skills

Bachelor of Arts (BAEL-12/16/17)

First Year Examination, 2019

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Note : This paper is of **Eighty (80)** marks divided into **three (03)** sections A, B and C. 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 any **two (02)** questions only. **2×19=38**

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics :
 - (a) Digital India
 - (b) The Best Moment of my Life
2. (a) Assume that you have the required qualification and skills for the post of a Computer Engineer at Infosys for its Chandigarh office. Prepare a résumé for the aforesaid post.

- (b) Draft a job application for the above mentioned post. (Invent necessary details)

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

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of Physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after High School. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed for women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in Physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the Physics laboratory. A short

time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a Physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

- (1) The Curies'.....collaboration helped to unlock the secrets of the atom. **2**
- (a) friendly
 - (b) sporadic
 - (c) reckless
 - (d) underhand

- (2) Marie had a bright mind and a
personality. 2
- (a) strong
 - (b) negligent
 - (c) depressive
 - (d) strange
- (3) When she learned that she could not attend
the university in Warsaw, she felt.....2
- (a) relaxed
 - (b) annoyed
 - (c) complacent
 - (d) happy
- (4) Marie.....by leaving Poland and traveling
to France to enter the Sorborme. 2
- (a) challenged authority
 - (b) colluded with the authority
 - (c) praised the authority
 - (d) none of the above
- (5)she remembered their joy together. 2
- (a) Dejectedly
 - (b) Cheerfully
 - (c) Scornfully
 - (d) Happily

- (6) Her..... began to fade when she returned to the Sorbonne to succeed her husband. 2
(a) optimism
(b) hope
(c) wretchedness
(d) contentment
- (7) Even though she became fatally ill from working with radium, Marie Curie was never..... in life. 2
(a) professional
(b) happy
(c) disappointed
(d) none of the above
- (8) Summarize the above passage. 5

4. Write a letter to invite the Principals of various schools of your town on the occasion of the Annual Sports Meet to be held at your college.

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 any four (04) questions only. **4×8=32**

1. What do you understand by antithesis ?
2. What is meant by Allegory ? Give examples.

3. Explain the terms Imagery and Symbol in your own words.
4. Write an application to the Director of your institution requesting him to allow your class to go for an educational trip.
5. What are the basics of essay writing ? Explain any one kind of Essay briefly.
6. What do you understand by Paradox ?
7. Write a short note on Note-taking.
8. Inventing necessary details, draft agenda for a meeting.

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.

10×1=10

1. He took..... farming after retirement. (up /in/on)
2. If you love Swati why don't you take her.....on a date? (out / up / off)
3. How are you going to meet the deadlines if you take.too many projects ? (on / in/ over)
4. These shoes don't fit. I am going to take them..... to the store. (back / away / of!)

5. They assaulted the watchmen and took many precious paintings..... (down /away/ back)
6. "He runs like a horse." is an example of :
- (a) Simile
 - (b) Metaphor
 - (c) Personification
 - (d) Oxymoron
7. "Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Pickled Peppers" is an example of :
- (a) Alliteration
 - (b) Metaphor
 - (c) Personification
 - (d) Oxymoron
8. "Her eyes were fireflies." is an example of:
- (a) Alliteration
 - (b) Metaphor
 - (c) Personification
 - (d) Oxymoron

State whether the following statements are True or False :

9. The minutes of a meeting are drafted after the meeting has taken place. **(True/False)**
10. The expression, "May I use your dictionary ?" is an example of an impolite expression. **(True/False)**
