

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2025
(Sixth Semester)

Branch – ENGLISH

TRAVEL WRITING

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks (5 x 1 = 5)

- 1 Who is known for his architectural skills and for creating the 'Mayasabha' or 'Hall of Illusions' for the Pandavas?
(i) Arjun (ii) Yudhistir
(iii) Krishna (iv) Maya
- 2 Mark Twain's *The Innocents Abroad* is best described as an example of which genre?
(i) history (ii) monologue
(iii) novel (iv) travelogue
- 3 When was Indira Gandhi assassinated by her security guards?
(i) 1982 (ii) 1984
(iii) 1989 (iv) 1980
- 4 Mention when Elisabeth Bumiller came to India.
(i) 1985 (ii) 1974
(iii) 1958 (iv) 1995
- 5 Elizabeth thinks the Balinese are global masters of _____.
(i) peace (ii) dancing
(iii) balance (iv) seduction

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks (5 x 3 = 15)

- 6 a Describe how Delhi witness to the rise and fall of several empires.
OR
b Explain the way Amir Khusrau brought harmony to Delhi in 'A Paradise of Justice'.
- 7 a Summarise the reasons for the exasperation of the author during his journey from Fayal to Gibraltar in *The Innocents Abroad*.
OR
b State why the passengers on the ship are so restless and indecisive about their plans.
- 8 a Bring out the experiences faced by Mrs. Puri and her family during the riots.
OR
b Analyze the impact of agriculture on the social and economic structures of early communities.

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- 9 a Develop a note on Elisabeth Bumiller's portrayal of the complex and oppressive reality of being a woman in rural India.
OR
b Describe the psychological effects of Indian women being constantly pressured to produce male children.
- 10 a Analyze Gilbert Elizabeth's attempt to maintain a state of happiness.
OR
b Explain what event led to Gilbert Elizabeth's journey around the world.

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 x 6 = 30)

- 11 a Point out how Delhi's longer history and historical monuments are described in *City Improbable*.
OR
b Elucidate the significance of Qutbuddin Aibak's arrival to Delhi.
- 12 a Enumerate the satirical elements highlighted in Twain's *The Innocent Abroad*.
OR
b Discuss the main difficulties encountered by the passengers upon arrival in Marseille.
- 13 a Summarize the dual nature of Delhi's society described with reference to *City of DJINN*.
OR
b Analyze the highlighted role of women in the early stages of human civilization in *From Volga to Ganga*.
- 14 a Examine how Elisabeth Bumiller's experiences in India inspired her to write about Indian women.
OR
b Elucidate how Elisabeth Bumiller's time in India challenge her romantic image of the country and her feminist beliefs.
- 15 a Eat, Play, Love is a book of self- discovery- Justify.
OR
b Discuss the significance of spirituality in Elizabeth Gilbert's search for identity.

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