

MAEG-01**June/December – Examination 2020****M.A. (Previous) Examination****ENGLISH****(English Language Usage and
Communication Skills)****Paper : MAEG-01***Time : 2 Hours]**[Maximum Marks : 80*

Note :- This question paper is divided into two Sections A and B. Write answers as per the given instructions.

Section-A**8×2=16****(Very Short Answer Type Questions)**

Note :- Read the following passage and answer all the eight questions in not more than **30** words each.

Recent advances in science and technology have made it possible for geneticists to find out abnormalities in the unborn foetus and take remedial action to rectify

some defects which would otherwise prove to be fatal to the child. Though genetic engineering is still at its infancy, scientists can now predict with greater accuracy a genetic disorder. It is not yet an exact science since they are not in a position to predict when exactly a genetic disorder will set in. While they have not yet been able to change the genetic order of the gene in germs, they are optimistic and are holding out that in the near future they might be successful in achieving this feat. They have, however, acquired the ability in manipulating tissue cells. However, genetic mis-information can sometimes be damaging for it may adversely affect people psychologically. Genetic information may lead to a tendency to brand some people as inferiors. Genetic information can therefore be abused and its application in deciding the sex of the foetus and its subsequent abortion is now hotly debated on ethical lines. But on this issue geneticists cannot be squarely blamed though this charge has often been levelled at them. It is mainly societal problem. At present genetic engineering is a costly process of detecting

disorders but scientists hope to reduce the costs when technology becomes more advanced. This is why much progress in this area has been possible in scientifically advanced and rich countries like the USA, UK and Japan. It remains to be seen if in the future this science will lead to the development of a race of supermen or will be able to obliterate disease from the world.

Questions :

1. (i) What does the passage say about the question of abortion ?
- (ii) Which countries can provide the infrastructure for progress in genetic engineering ?
- (iii) What are the shortcomings of genetics in becoming an exact science ?
- (iv) Why, according to the author, is genetic misinformation severely damaging ?
- (v) Can present genetic engineering rectify all genetic disorders ?
- (vi) What is the tone of the author in the last sentence of the passage ?

- (vii) What is the meaning of the word 'obliterate' as used in the passage ?
- (viii) Explain the meaning of the phrase 'holding out' as used in the passage.

Section-B

4×16=64

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer any *four* of the following questions in not more than **200** words.

2. Make one sentence each on the following verb patterns :
 - (i) S + V_i + to infinitive
 - (ii) S + V_t + gerund
 - (iii) S + V_t + noun/pronoun + past participle
 - (iv) S + V_t + noun/pronoun + dependent clause
 - (v) S + V_t + noun/pronoun + adjective
 - (vi) S + V_t + that clause
 - (vii) S + be + prepositional group
 - (viii) S + V_t + Object + object complement

3. Supply the blanks in the sentences given below with suitable clauses :

- (i) We are planning
- (ii) Nature sings
- (iii) It is known to all
- (iv) Tell me the reason why
- (v) is true.
- (vi) The book is costly.
- (vii) You look so beautiful
- (viii) you may pass.

4. Correct the following sentences :

- (i) The Principal with all the members of his staff have come.
- (ii) One of these mangoes are sour.
- (iii) Many a student have failed in this test.
- (iv) Rice and curry are not agreeable to me.
- (v) It is you who is to be blamed.

(vi) A pair of shoes are lying under the table.

(vii) The news of coronavirus spread fast.

(viii) The quality of the mangoes were not good.

5. Point out the notion/concept expressed through the sentences given below :

(i) Have a good time !

(ii) We are to leave by the month end.

(iii) Stop smoking !

(iv) We have to work from home.

(v) He ran fast to catch the train.

(vi) She behaves as if she never knew me.

(vii) Would you mind opening the window ?

(viii) They must have reached the station.

6. What do you understand by endocentric compounds and exocentric compounds. Give *four* examples for each.

7. Describe how you can create effective slides for presentation.
8. Discuss the various means, advantages and limitations of paralanguage.
9. Discuss briefly the characteristics of a report.