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**B.A. (Programme)/II Sem.**

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE (B)—Paper B**

**(Intermediate English)**

**(Admissions of 2011 and onwards)**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 75*

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**Attempt All questions.**

*The sub-parts of each question has to be answered together.*

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

A young Englishman called Peter Potter migrated to America in search of a job, and indeed, it did not take him long to find one with a delivery company. Being a sincere, hardworking

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and intelligent young man he hoped to do well and rise fast in the company. To his dismay, however, he found that a number of customers had complained against him and that his company was thinking of sacking him. People had complained that not only did they find it difficult to follow Peter's accent and make out what he was saying, quite often he said one thing when he meant another, which led to a great deal of confusion and misunderstanding. For instance, when Peter said 'trousers' he meant 'pants' and when he said 'biscuits' he meant 'cookies'. When Peter said he lived in a flat what he meant was that he lived in an 'apartment' and when he asked for 'petrol' what he really wanted was 'gas'. When he said that he was waiting for the 'post' what he was really waiting for was the 'mail' and when he asked for the 'lorry' what he really wanted was a 'truck'. Before long Peter realized that though he came from the country that had given the English language to the world,

each country that used it changed it to suit its own purposes and that if he wanted to stay on in America he would have to learn to speak English as the Americans spoke it !

(a) Fill in the blanks with the correct word given in brackets :

The passage is about a young man from.....  
(America/England) who went to.....(America/  
England) and worked with a delivery company. He thought  
he could.....(succeed/promote) in the company  
.....(quickly/slowly) because he was intelligent  
and.....(sincere/strong). But.....  
(fortunately/unfortunately) the company was thinking  
of.....(promoting/dismissing) him because  
.....(some/many) customers had complained that  
they could not.....(understand/misunderstand) what  
he said. The reason was his.....(American/English)

accent and his.....(correct/incorrect) choice of words which resulted in.....(understanding/misunderstanding) him. The young man soon realized that he must learn to speak.....(American/British) English if he wants to.....(continue/discontinue) working in.....(America/England).  $1 \times 15 = 15$

- (b) Write the following words in the appropriate columns given below :  $1 \times 5 = 5$

*trousers, pants, biscuits, cookies, flat, apartment, petrol, gas, post, mail*

**Column 1**

**Column 2**

British English	American English

2. Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow :

Walking is the key to fitness for people of all ages. It is a natural habit which one learns from an early age and it can become an insurance against major health problems. People generally have the wrong idea that vigorous exercise is the only way to keep fit. What they don't realize is that walking, which requires less effort, can be as beneficial as any exercise.

Walking can be especially effective in curing obesity, from which many of us suffer. Though it happens mostly in middle age, it can occur at any stage of life. Obesity in childhood and adolescence is likely to be followed by obesity in adult life. Many housewives lead sedentary lives and tend to be obese. Regular walking is recommended as the first step towards weight reduction because housewives find it an easier form of exercise.

Some people believe that walking for exercise may adversely affect the heart since it is harmful. This is a myth. There is no evidence to support this belief. In fact, walking and mild exercise are prescribed to persons recovering from heart disease.

It helps to reduce weight and improves work tolerance.

(a) Complete the sentences given below :

- (i) Walking is good because.....
- (ii) Many housewives are usually obese because.....
- (iii) Obesity can be cured if fat people.....
- (iv) People recovering from heart disease are advised to.....
- (v) Walking helps heart patients to.....

1×5=5

(b) Write down the words from the passage that are similar in meaning to the following words :

- (i) Very strong and energetic

(ii) Spending much of the time inactively in a sitting position

(iii) Abnormally fat

(iv) Unfavourably and harmfully

(v) Imaginary and not supported by evidence.  $1 \times 5 = 5$

3. (a) Choose the correct word from the box below to fill in the blanks. Make grammatical changes wherever necessary :

say, tell, talk, speak, reply

(i) How many languages does she..... ?

(ii) He.....her everything about his teacher.

(iii) She.....that she didn't believe in him.

(iv) The speaker is going to give a.....on dowry.

(v) He did not.....to her last question.

$1 \times 5 = 5$

(b) Fill in the blanks with the correct word given within brackets :

(i) Please don't feel.....while eating.

(shame/shy)

(ii) My friend's sister is very.....

(proudy/proud)

(iii) There was a group of.....playing football  
in the street. (child/children)

(iv) The baby was.....its thumb.

(licking/sucking)

(v) The accused person.....that he had killed  
her. (refused/denied)

1×5=5

4. (a) Complete the following sentences with *must*, *mustn't*, *have to*, *don't have to*, *needn't*, *should*, *shouldn't* using their correct form where necessary :

(i) This is secret information, you.....talk about  
it with anyone.



- (ii) Tomorrow is a holiday and so I.....to get up early tomorrow morning.
- (iii) He had a heart attack last night so we..... call a doctor at that late hour.
- (iv) She is the only person who can help you. I suggest you.....meet her personally tomorrow.
- (v) Don't worry, the train hasn't arrived yet. We .....hurry to reach the platform.
- (vi) You.....try to cheat in the examination because it is unfair.
- (vii) You.....be punctual for tomorrow's meeting or else a decision will be taken in your absence.
- (viii) You have an upset stomach, you.....eat so such.
- (ix) You.....to help him if you don't have any money with you.
- (x) You.....help him if you are helpless.

(b) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the given verb in the following sentences :

(i) If I.....(know) his number, I would phone him.

(ii) If I had worked hard, I.....(pass) in the examination.

(iii) If you.....(be) in my position, what would you do ?

(iv) If he had been honest, he.....(succeed).

(v) If he is honest, he.....(succeed).  $1 \times 5 = 5$

5. Complete the following dialogue :

A : Would you like to come with me for shopping ?

B : I'm sorry,.....

A : Doesn't matter, I'll.....

B : Please don't. I might get every late.

A : Ok, I'll go alone. Can I drop you on the way ?

B : Thanks,.....

A : If you want, I can pick you up later while returning.

B : I will.....

A : So get ready, we can leave now.

B : I.....

1×5=5

6. Imagine that there is a vacant post of sales executive in XYZ company. Write your CV for submission to the Personnel Manager of that company. 5

7. Imagine you have to write a long essay on the topic *Drunken Driving*. Write down at least 10 points on the topic. Don't write the essay. 10.