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ENGLISH : STREAM B— Paper I

(Spoken English, Reading Comprehension and Written English)

(Admissions of 2004 only)

[This paper is meant for those who have passed English
in Class X or those who have been permitted to offer it.]

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 75

(Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.)

Attempt all questions.

1. Your brother lives in another city. Send him a telegram asking him to come home immediately as your father is not well. 5
2. Describe, in about 150 words, your first day in college. 10
3. You are the president of your college student union. Write a letter to the principal asking him to provide a phone booth in the college. 10
4. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end : 20

Jawaharlal Nehru was born on November 14, 1889 in Allahabad, central India. His father Motilal Nehru was a prominent advocate and early leader of the Indian independence movement. The younger Nehru graduated from Cambridge University, and returned to India in 1912. Over the next thirty years, he rose to become the top political leader of the Indian National Congress Party and its struggle for independence from Britain. He was jailed seven times.

After independence he served as India first Prime Minister from 1947 until he died in May, 1964. He was also a great internationalist, and one of the founders of the non-aligned movement.

Nehru was a renowned orator. His most famous speech is the "Tryst With Destiny" address to the Constituent Assembly of India in New Delhi on the night of August 14th and 15th, 1947.

Jawaharlal Nehru remained the Prime Minister of India for 17 long years and can rightly be called the architect of modern India. He set India on the path of democracy and nurtured its institution - Parliament, multi-party system, independent judiciary and free press. He encouraged Panchayati Raj.

Turn over

Jawaharlal was a prolific writer in English and wrote a number of books like 'The Discovery of India', 'Glimpses of World History' and his autobiography, 'Towards Freedom'. Emotional sensitivity and intellectual passion infused his writings, giving them unusual appeal and topicality even today. He was awarded *Bharat Ratna* in 1955.

Pandit Nehru loved children and they call him affectionately as Chacha Nehru. His birthday is observed as Children's Day.

- (i) Where and when was Nehru born?
 (ii) When did Nehru become the Prime Minister of India?
 (iii) Which are the institutions that Nehru nurtured?
 (iv) Name some of the books written by Nehru?
 (v) When is Children's Day observed? 5x2
 (vi) Write 'true' or 'false' against the following statements:
 (a) Nehru encouraged Panchayati Raj.
 (b) Nehru was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1955.
 (c) Nehru was the Prime Minister for very few years.
 (d) Nehru did not believe in non-aligned movement. 4x1
 (vii) Locate words in the passage which have the following meaning : 4x1
 (a) To become free of foreign rule.
 (b) Very good speaker.
 (c) Well known.
 (d) Different. Not like others.
 (viii) Give a suitable title to the passage. 2

5. Match statements in Column A with responses given in Column B : 5

Column A	Column B
(a) Will you watch the match tonight?	(1) Yes. We were in the same train.
(b) How do I reach the market?	(2) Perhaps next week.
(c) Have we met before?	(3) I have a terrible memory.
(d) Do you remember his name?	(4) You can hire a taxi.
(e) When can I expect you?	(5) No. I have to prepare for my exam.

6. Complete the following telephonic conversation by filling in the blanks : 5

Ravi: Hello Ashok. How are you?

Ashok:1.....

Ravi: I am fine too! I called to ask if you would go to Deepak's party.

Ashok:2.....

Ravi: Can I come along with you? Something's wrong with my car.

Ashok:3.....

Ravi: Thank you! I will reach your place by six in the evening.

Ashok:4.....

Ravi: No, I will be alone.

Ashok:5.....

7. Frame suitable responses for the following situations : 10
- (i) You have not understood the interviewer's question. How will you ask him to repeat the question?
 - (ii) You have to leave the meeting before it ends. How will ask the chairman for permission?
 - (iii) How will you ask the librarian to help you find your text book?
 - (iv) You have to make an urgent phone call but you are not carrying your cell phone. How will you ask your friend to lend you her phone?
 - (v) How will you invite your teacher to your birthday party?
8. Fill in the blanks by selecting the most suitable alternative from the ones given in brackets : 10
- (i) Did someone (help/helped) you do your homework?
 - (ii) Will you (come/came) to my party?
 - (iii) Ravi (love/loves) playing cricket.
 - (iv) I (saw/seen) the movie thrice.
 - (v) He (come/came) to my place last night.
 - (vi) We should (respect/respects) our elders.
 - (vii) Did you (speak/spoke) to him yesterday?
 - (viii) Did he (borrow/borrowed) some money from you?
 - (ix) Did you (lent/lend) him some money?
 - (x) He (has/have) a lot of talent.