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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (C)—Paper I

(Basic English)

[Meant for students who have not studied

English beyond Class VIII]

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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Attempt *all* questions.

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

Einstein is one of the greatest scientists the world has ever known. He had the unique genius of getting to the heart of any problem and suggesting the simplest possible solution. He

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wrestled with the most complex problems in Physics but he used only paper, pencil and the blackboard.

Once when he was asked what the secret of his achievements was, he replied, with characteristic simplicity and mathematical brevity :

$S = X + Y + Z$, where

S = Success

X = Hard work

Y = Rest or Relaxation

Z = Keeping one's mouth shut.

This formula is universally valid.

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Without hard work, no one can achieve excellence in any field. Even a great batsman cannot afford to miss net practice before an important match. Rest or relaxation is an equally essential requirement, as we have seen earlier. Einstein himself was fond of music. Once, when he was greatly distressed and disappointed,

as he found that his solution to a most complex problem in physics was wrong, he played the violin for several hours.

Z, that is silence, has great significance. Silence is golden, as the proverb goes. Silence makes us think deeply. It endows our mind with serenity. It gives us a sense of proportion. It can be creative. It is for this reason that Mahatma Gandhi used to observe silence one day in the week.

(a) Say whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) :

(i) Einstein was a scientist who believed in hard work ?

(ii) He would suggest the most difficult solution to a simple problem.

(iii) $S = X + Y + Z$, where S = Silence.

(iv) Einstein was fond of music.

(v) Silence can be destructive.

(b) Give short answers to the following questions :

(i) What materials did Einstein use to solve the most difficult Physics problems ?

(ii) What did Einstein do to relax himself ?

(iii) Mention *two* benefits of silence.

(iv) What did Einstein think of rest or relaxation ? 10

(c) Find words from the passage which mean :

outstanding talent, difficult, accepted by everyone in the world, being the only one of its kind, pain and suffering. 5

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

Once upon a time, a king wanted to appoint an honest man for collecting the taxes of his kingdom. There were many candidates for the post and a day was fixed for selecting the most honest

man from among them. The candidates arrived; they were seated in a big room where a lot of gold and silver coins were kept. After some time, they were lead to the presence of the king and asked to dance. Only one of the candidates obeyed while others refused to do so. The minister declared the one who danced to be the only honest man. The king wanted to know how dancing could prove him to be honest. The minister compelled the other candidates to show their pockets. Lo! they were filled with the king's coins. The king now understood why they had refused to dance, so the honest man was chosen and others were jailed as thieves.

Questions :

(a) Say whether the following statements are True (T) or

False (F) : 5

- (i) The king wanted to appoint an honest man for collecting flowers.

- (ii) The candidates were asked to dance in front of the king.
 - (iii) Three candidates danced in front of the king.
 - (iv) The pockets of the dishonest candidates were filled with bronze and copper coins.
 - (v) Only two candidates turned out to be honest.
- (b) Answer the following questions briefly :
- (i) Why did the king want an honest man ?
 - (ii) What happened when the candidates arrived ?
 - (iii) What did the minister ask the candidates to do ?
 - (iv) How did the minister find out the honest man ?
 - (v) What happened to the dishonest men ? 10
- (c) Find words from the passage which are opposite in meaning to the following words :
- honest, arrive, select, jailed, refuse.

3. (a) Match the words in column A with their opposites in column B. One word in column B is extra :

Column 'A'**Column 'B'**

Minor

Few

Sad

Vanish

Construct

Major

Numerous

Happy

Appear

Destroy

Help

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- (b) Form adjectives from the following words, making changes in spellings where necessary :

(example : beauty -- beautiful)

wonder, duty, success, pain, care.

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- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate word from the list given. One word is extra : 5

celebration, prevention, achievement, promotion, acceptance, solace.

- (i) I felt a great sense of.....when I finished my work.
- (ii) Ajay has sent his letter of.....for the new job.
- (iii) Rashmi has passed the NET examination. They are going to have a.....in their house soon.
- (iv)of cruelty against animals is their prime concern.
- (v) Vinayak felt very happy when he got a..... in his job.

4. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a, an,

the : 5

.....tall boy was going to his school
with.....short boy.tall boy was
carrying.....umbrella. The short boy was
eating.....orange.

- (b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with suitable

prepositions : 5

(i) Some people were sitting.....the ground
because there were no chairs.

(ii) Her mother is leaving.....Mumbai soon.

(iii) Uncle Tom arrived at 10 O'clock.....the
evening that day.

(iv) They met each other.....the party.

(v) The Rivoli is close.....the park.

- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with : 5
is, are, am, was, were.
- (i) The weather.....warmer today than it.....
yesterday.
- (ii) I.....waiting for the bus.
- (iii) Their bags.....very heavy.
- (iv) My sister and I.....good tennis players.
- (v) The students.....shouting in the class.
5. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the
correct verb from the brackets : 5
- (i) My father.....(work, works) in an export
company.
- (ii) Our neighbours.....(talk, talks) too much.
- (iii) He.....(play, plays) cricket very well.
- (iv) There.....(is, are) a few students in Sanskrit
class.
- (v) One of my friends.....(is, are) very
intelligent.

- (b) Fill in the blanks in the following letter with the correct form of verb given in brackets : 5

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Dear Mohan

I an glad to (inform) you that my younger brother, Mahesh,
..... (been) selected for the I.A.S. The
occasion.....(demand) some celebration, and so
we are.....(have) a dinner party on Wednesday,
22nd April, at 8.30 p.m. We.....(be) delighted to
have you with us. Shyam, the local gazal singer, will provide
entertainment. Please do come.

Yours sincerely

Rakesh

6. Use can or can't + one of these verbs : 5

come, find, hear, see, speak

(i) I'm sorry but we.....to your part next Saturday.

(ii) I like this hotel room. You.....the mountains from the window.

(iii) You are speaking very quietly. I.....you.

(iv) Have you seen my bag ? Iit.

(v) Pradeep got the job because he.....five languages.

7. Write a paragraph of about 150 words describing a person who has inspired you. You may use the following hints : 10

Name of the person — how he/she has inspired you — what you have learnt from him/her — what changes the person has brought in your life.

8. You are applying for the post of a teacher in a primary school. Write a bio-data, using all the relevant information. 10