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B.A. (Programme)/I A

ENGLISH LANGUAGE (A)—Paper I

(Advanced English)

**(Admissions of 2005/2006 and onwards for the
Students of Regular Colleges/NCWEB)**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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Attempt All questions.

1. Answer any *five* of the following questions in about 30 words each : 5×2

- (i) In the poem 'Some People' who are the people against whom the speaker directs her anger ?

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- (ii) Why was Mary Maloney insistent that the policemen eat the leg of mutton that she had cooked ?
- (iii) Why does Mihir Bose congratulate Shyam Benegal for making a film on Subhas Chandra Bose ?
- (iv) What were some of the family responsibilities that Gaviri had to bear, though she was just 8 years old ?
- (e) In the essay, 'A Gandhian in Garhwal' : Chandi Prasad Bhatt', why does Ramchandra Guha call the journey he undertakes a secular pilgrimage and not a religious pilgrimage ?
- (vi) In the poem 'To Mother' what are some of the things that the speaker's mother would not like her to do ?
- (vii) What did Tara do to win back her husband ?

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about

75-100 words each :

2×5

(i) In the poem 'Amalkanti', unlike the other boys, Amalkanti dreamt of becoming sunlight.

Do you think he was able to realize his dream ?

(ii) What is the theme of the play 'Routes and Escape Routes' ?

(iii) In the essay 'Hitting Dowry for a Six', how does the author advise us to eliminate the evil system of Dowry ?

(iv) 'I don't want to be a goddess', screams the younger daughter of Lali in the story 'Girls'. What does this tell us about the way women are treated in our society ?

3. (a) Use any 5 of the phrases given below in sentences of your own so that their meaning becomes clear : 5

social reformer, cast off, bend over backwards, cry one's heart out, more or less, cope with, absent-mindedly, back of beyond, to be overworked, deciding factor, take a stand.

5. Match the words and phrases in Column A with their meanings in Column B : 5

Column A

Column B

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| (a) Soft option | (i) Stress and strain |
| (b) Circumspect | (ii) Showy language, expressing undeserved praise |
| (c) irony | (iii) Careful and attentive |

- (d) Exertion and pirouettes (iv) not difficult, the easier of two choices
- (e) Vaulting prose (v) devices used by an author to express a meaning different from the surface meaning of the words

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 10

Read the following letter written by a son to his father :

Dear Papa,

This is in answer to your letter about my examination results. Yes, my first rank slipped to the second. You advised that I should think before answering the papers.

Yes, the word 'think' did make me reflect and these are the results of those reflections.

Father, we've never really been close and I can't rightly say you've been my friend, philosopher, guide, etc. Yet, I would like you to be aware of my thoughts. They are very important to me. You are highly educated and you provide very well for the family. But in your departmental store, do you apply Pythagoras' Theorem or Newton's Law of Gravity? For that matter, does your doctor friend or your lawyer brother do that?

Papa, my grandfather speaks of a carefree and beautiful childhood, of days spent in plucking mangoes and guavas from their orchards, of picnics on the banks of the river where the men cooked mouth-watering food, of playing marbles and *gilli-danda*. From his talk, it seems, studies

were a minor subject; and living and experiencing, the major subject. Father, is he telling lies ? Or is it possible that the world has turned topsy turvy in just about 70 years ?

Oh Papa, last week, my rose plant almost died. Some pests. I asked my Biology teacher what I should do to save it. And she was cross. She said, "Go ask the guy who keeps gardening things. He'll tell you." We learn about pesticides but we do not know how to use them.

Papa, once I asked my grandmother how she got to be so wise. Do you know what she said ? By living and experiencing. And she laughed as though I had asked something which was so obvious. Are we living Papa ? Or is life by-passing us ? What I fear is that if I were

to meet Newton face to face, I would fail to recognize him, so busy am I learning about him !

Anyway Papa, do you know where I lost that quarter mark that brought about my fall ? It was a fill-in-the-blanks. I held that I was invited to tea and my teacher was adamant that he was invited for tea.

A matter of grammar. And Papa, if he says George Bush is the President of India, it will have to be so. If he says the sun rises in the west, so be it. My first rank is at stake you see. Still, my dearest Papa, I shall keep your advice in mind and try not to lose any quarter marks.

As always

Your ever obedient son,

Rahul

Questions :

- (i) How close a relationship did the father and the son share ?
- (ii) What kind of a childhood did Rahul's grandfather have ?
- (iii) How did Rahul's grandmother acquire wisdom ?
- (iv) What does Rahul think is wrong with his education ?
- (v) Find words from the passage which have similar meanings to those given below :

insistent

tasty

attractive

happy

5. (A) Rewrite the following sentences choosing the *correct* alternative : 5

- (i) Bull fighting *is going on / has been going on* in Spain for centuries.

- (ii) I *always find/have always been finding* it difficult to get up on winter mornings.
- (iii) I *have been wanting/want* to meet you since I saw your concert.
- (iv) *The phone's been ringing/phone's ringing.* Can you answer it ?
- (v) During the last few years the company *has been working/works* hard to modernise its image.
- (vi) He decided that next day he *would fly/was going to fly* to Mumbai.
- (vii) We could see that the fence *was falling down/was going to fall down* before long, so we had it mended.

(viii) When my sister heard I *was going to move*/

was moving to Chandigarh, she looked quite

upset.

(ix) Over the last six months *I've been learning*/

I'm learning how to play the flute.

(x) How long *have you learned*/ *have you been*

learning French ?

(B) Complete the sentences with appropriate verbs

from those given in the box below. Use the same

verb for each pair of sentences. You may need

to *correct* the form of the verb :

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claim, disappear, give, move, stop.

- (i) (a) An important file.....from my office.
- (b) Plants and vegetables.....from my garden since we had new neighbours.
- (ii) (a) Dr. Sinha.....the same lecture to students for the last ten years.
- (b) Mr. Gates.....nearly a million pounds to the charity this year.
- (iii) (a) With their win yesterday, India.....into second place in the table.
- (b) As house prices in the cities have risen, people.....into the country side.

(iv) (a) For years he.....that he is
related to the royal family.

(b) The earthquake.....over 5000
lives.

(v) (a) All day, the police.....
motorists to question them about the
accident.

(b) Good, the noise..... I can
start concentrating on my work
again.

(C) Rewrite the sentences in the passive form : 5

(i) People are destroying large areas of forest
everyday.

(ii) They will present the trophy after the speeches.

(iii) Somebody has bought the land next to our house.

(iv) All his relatives approved of his decision.

(v) When I was young my aunt and uncle looked after me.

6. (a) Suppose you are a reporter of a newspaper who has interviewed Inzamam's best friend Ghulam Mujtaba. Write a report in about **100** words about Mujtaba's relationship with Inzamam-ul-haq as a friend rather than a cricketer.

(b) Imagine that you visited the book fair recently.

Write a letter to your friend in Chandigarh, telling her about your visit to the fair. (100 words) 5

(c) Write a review of a film you have seen recently.

(250-300 words).

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