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

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE (A)—Paper A**

**(Advanced English)**

**(Admissions of 2011 and onwards)**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 75*

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**Attempt All questions.**

1. Answer any *five* of the following questions in about **30-50**

words each :

**5×2=10**

(a) Why was Mustaba hesitant to meet Inzamam when he returned after the World Cup win ?

(b) What does the writer mean by the words 'ocean of notions' and 'Shah of blah' ?

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- (c) What lesson does the elder sister learn in the poem 'Sisters' ?
- (d) What was Subroto Bagchi's first lesson about success ?
- (e) According to Tarun Tejpal, what is a good cricket match all about ?
- (f) What made Rashid Khalifa sad and what was its effect on his art of story telling ?
- (g) Why does Abhay always offer chocolates to Tara ?

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 75-100 words each :

2×5=10

- (a) What does Kalpana Sharma say about the role of parents in taking decisions about their daughters' marriage ?
- (b) Why did Mili react so strongly to being offered the prasad and money on ashtami day ?
- (c) Do you agree with Tarun J. Tejpal's views about the hype and attention given to cricket in India ?
- (d) Is 'A Ten Days Fast' a satire upon fasting for unjust demands ? Comment.

3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. This makes the tense of the sentence clear : 10

(i) Have you ever ..... somebody really famous ? (meet)

(ii) Unemployment ..... every year until 1991 and then started to fall. (rise)

(iii) Did you ..... to play the guitar as a child ? (learn)

(iv) These are the glasses Geeta has ..... ever since she was 20. (wear)

(v) Have you ..... about Alexander the Great ? (hear)

(vi) I never have ..... anyone play so well in my whole life. (see)

(vii) When David was 15, his parents ..... to the United States. (move)

- (viii) The magistrate ..... me several questions  
about my car before he let me go. (ask)
- (ix) I have ..... playing football even since I  
lived in Kolkata.. (enjoy)
- (x) I have ..... over 50 letters of support in  
the last 15 days. (receive)
4. (a) Fill in the blanks with the words and phrases given in  
the box : 5

by hook or by crook, reaction, worked, became, become, obstinately, understand, surprised, prise, trust
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There's a 'bright star in the sky. Is that the Dhruva  
star ? Baabu used to say that if I .....  
hard I could become anything I wanted, just as  
Dhruva ..... a star. 'But I can't  
..... a boy, can I ?' I once asked  
..... I was ..... at Baabu's  
..... when he put on a serious look and

said sternly, 'Don't argue with your elders now.' I find it difficult to ..... them. My elder sister says one should never ..... grown-ups because if they want to know something they will ..... it out of you by ....., but they themselves will never tell you a thing.

- (b) Use any *five* of the phrases given below in sentences of your own so that their meaning becomes clear : 5

gone far ahead, fit in with, overloaded with, decision making, hit it off, set up the issue, take a stand, come out, cry out in pain, keep an eye.

5. (a) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb given below : 5

lift, please, avoid, admire, send, acquit, welcome, receive, live, sit

- (i) David ..... in Delhi since his childhood.

- (ii) The magistrate ..... him of the charges  
against him.
- (iii) Sudhir easily ..... the heavy bag.
- (iv) The teacher was ..... with the boy's  
work.
- (v) The President was ..... by the  
people.
- (vi) Ram has ..... his letter of acceptance  
for the new job.
- (vii) He was angry because he did not .....  
his letter on time.
- (viii) Ravi ..... down by the side of road.
- (ix) People always ..... good work.
- (x) One should ..... overspeeding while  
driving, as it can be fatal.

- (b) Use the appropriate modals in the following sentences  
from the list given below : 5

could, can, would, must, should

(i) To become a good player one .....  
practice rigorously.

(ii) If you see fire you ..... phone the fire  
safety department.

(iii) Moving to a new place ..... be a very  
nice experience.

(iv) She ..... sit for hours listening to the  
radio.

(v) ..... you show me the way to the  
hospital.

- (c) Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice : 5

(i) The Maths teacher will explain the theorem to the  
students.

- (ii) The tsunami demolished everything along the coast in Japan.
- (iii) People have transferred their goods and belongings to a safer location.
- (iv) Students expect good results in the examinations.
- (v) They will present the awards after the event.
6. (a) Imagine you have visited a historical monument along with your friends. Write a diary entry in about **100** words describing it. 5
- (b) Imagine you are Subroto Bagchi who has to give a short speech to young students on what can inspire them to achieve great things in life. Write the speech in not more than **100** words. 5
- (c) Write a paragraph in about **250** words on the role of youth in the fight against corruption. 10