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B.A. (Programme)/I

(Language Course)

ENGLISH : STREAM C – Paper I

(Basic English)

(Admissions of 2005/2006 and onwards in respect of students of Regular Colleges/NCWEB)

[Meant for students who have not studied English beyond Class VIII]

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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Attempt *All* questions.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it :

Most persons occasionally dream that they are being chased by robbers, or are falling, or are in danger from fire or flood. These are frightening dreams. Children's frightening

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dreams are likely to contain witches, ghosts, or animals that bite. Sometimes the fear is so great that the dreamer wakes up frightened but not knowing what has caused his fear. These very frightening dreams are called nightmares. People usually have nightmares when they are frightened or upset about something in their lives.

There are two kinds of daydreams which children have but adults do not: the daydream of the imaginary playmate, and the daydream of the adopted child. A child, if he has few friends to play with, may daydream that he has a playmate. Such a child may find his imaginary friend so interesting that he spends long hours in this daydream play. Another child likes to imagine that he is 'special'—that he is really a prince or princess and that his parents are king and queen. Such a child then daydreams that he has been adopted, and that his real parents are royalty.

Many studies have been made to see what causes a person to have a particular dream. These studies show that there are many reasons why people dream in certain ways. Changes in the brain occur during sleep, and these are probably related to dreaming. But no one knows enough yet about the brain changes in dreaming to say exactly what they are.

- (a) Answer the following questions briefly : 10
- (i) Name *two* frightening dreams that people occasionally have.
 - (ii) What do children's frightening dreams contain?
 - (iii) What are nightmares? When do people have nightmares?
 - (iv) What are the *two* kinds of daydreams that children have?
 - (v) What causes a person to have a particular dream?
- (b) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) : 3
- (i) The dreamer, sometimes wakes up after seeing a frightening dream.
 - (ii) The daydreams of children and adults are different.
 - (iii) The brain stops working when a person is asleep.
- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentence choosing the appropriate words from the passage : 2
- A child who likes to imagine that he is a 'special' child daydreams that he has been and that his real parents are

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

The Leaning Tower in Pisa, Italy, is famous simply because it leans ! It is actually the bell tower of the cathedral of city of Pisa. Although it was designed to stand straight, the tower began leaning to the south-east soon after the onset of construction in 1173.

Construction was subsequently halted for almost a century, because the Pisans were almost continually engaged in battles with Genoa, Lucca and Florence. In 1272, construction resumed. In an effort to compensate for the tilt, the engineers built higher floors with one side taller than the other. This made the tower begin to lean in the other direction. Because of this, the tower is actually curved !

Construction was halted again in 1284 during another war. The seventh floor was completed in 1319. The bell-chamber was not finally added until 1372.

Although the tower is famous because it leans, it is an outstanding example of Roman architecture, and would probably be famous, even if it didn't lean ! It stands 57 metre high and until 1990 was leaning over at an angle of ten degrees. It was estimated that the lean was increasing by one inch every twenty years.

- (a) Answer the following questions briefly : 10
- (i) Why is the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy famous?
 - (ii) Why was the construction of the tower stopped for almost hundred years?
 - (iii) What did the engineers do to make up for the tilt in the tower?
 - (iv) When was the bell-chamber added to the tower?
 - (v) What is the height of the tower?
- (b) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) : 3
- (i) The engineers wanted the tower to lean on one side.
 - (ii) The Pisans did not participate in any war.
 - (iii) Engineers estimate that the lean of the tower would increase in coming years.
- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentence using the appropriate words from the passage : 2
- The seventh floor of the tower was completed in and the was added in 1372.

3. (a) Match the words in Column 'A' with their meanings in Column 'B' : 5

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

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| (1) unique | (a) struggled with |
| (2) genius | (b) difficult |
| (3) complex | (c) accepted by every one in the world |
| (4) wrestled with | (d) extraordinary |
| (5) universally valid | (e) outstanding talent |

- (b) Form nouns from the following verbs : 5

break

prevent

promote

accept

achieve.

- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate word from the list provided : 5

celebration, prevention, achievement, promotion, acceptance.

(i) I felt a great sense of when I finished my work.

(ii) Anita has sent her letter of for the new job.

- (iii) Neha has topped in her class. They are going to have a in their house next week.
- (iv) Crime is one of the aims of the police.
- (v) Sudhir felt very happy when he got a in his job.
4. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the past continuous or past simple form of the verbs given in brackets : 5
- (i) Jaya (read) a book when the bell (ring).
- (ii) Yesterday, Sneha (walk) along the road when she (meet) Jim.
- (iii) It (rain) when we went out.
- (b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with : 5
my / our / your / his / her
- (i) Do you like job.
- (ii) I know Mr. Seth but I don't know wife.
- (iii) We're going to have a party. We are going to invite all friends.
- (iv) Mona is going out with friends this evening.
- (v) I like tennis. It's favourite sport.

- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with : 5
was / were / did / have / has
- (i) How long they been married?
 - (ii) Why you go home early?
 - (iii) Where your mother born?
 - (iv) Anita gone home?
 - (v) I just made some coffee. Would you like some?

5. Write a paragraph of about **100** words describing the things you enjoyed doing in your childhood. 10
6. Prepare your bio-data, writing relevant information under the following headings : 5

Name :

Father's name :

Address :

Telephone No. :

Date of birth :

Academic qualification :

Other Interests :