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

(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* the questions.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 5×3=15

If you think that speech making is fearsome and difficult we will try to convince you that it is one of the most enjoyable

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and easy jobs after you are acquainted with art of public speaking. Nervousness and stage fright at the beginning is natural. Even great speakers, famous orators and talented actors have felt the same at the beginning. But they all overcome it with careful preparation, practice, and will. David Lloyd George, a famous prime minister of Britain and good orator said this about his first experience. 'The first time I attempted to make a speech I was in state of misery. My tongue clove to the roof of my mouth and at first, I could hardly get out a word'. Churchill and Kennedy confessed that they also felt very nervous in the beginning. But they had a great will and they forced themselves to face the audience no matter what happened. This was very vital for them and is for you. Here is still another example. Disraeli, another

former prime minister had to sit down as his maiden speech in the parliament was greeted with jeers and reticule. But before sitting down he muttered between his clenched teeth : 'You shall hear me yet!' And later his speech was a delight to hear; the House hung on his words. So, put into your heart the WILL to succeed and you will succeed in becoming a good speaker.

- (a) How does the ability to speak effectively help us in life ?
- (b) What are the two kinds of feeling that a speaker experiences when begins to speak in public for the first time ?
- (c) How did the two prime ministers manage to overcome their nervousness while speaking in the public ?

(d) How was Disraeli's first speech received by the public?

How did he react to public criticism ?

(e) What is the most important factor for becoming a successful speaker ?

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Facebook is a social network service and website launched in February 2004. It currently has more than 500 million active users. Users may create a personal profile, add other users as friends and exchange messages, including automatic notifications when they update their profile. Additionally, they may join common interest user groups. The name of the service stems from the colloquial name for the book given

to students at the start of the academic year by university administrations in the US with the intention of helping students to get to know each other better. Facebook allows anyone who declares themselves to be at least 13 years old to become a registered user of the website.

Facebook was founded by Mark Zuckerberg with his college roommates and fellow computer science students Eduardo Saverin, Dustin Moskovitz and Chris Hughes. The website's membership was initially limited by the founders to Harvard students, but was expanded to other colleges in the Boston area, the Ivy League, and Stanford University. It gradually added support for students at various other universities before opening to high school students, and, finally, to anyone aged 13 and over.

A January 2009 Compete.com study ranked Facebook as the most used social network by worldwide monthly active users, followed by MySpace. *Entertainment Weekly* put it on its end-of-the-decade "best-of" list. Facebook has even inspired a film by the name of "The Social Network" and its owner, Mark Zuckerberg has been named by TIME magazine as its 'Person of the Year, 2010.' It is estimated that Facebook has 135.1 million monthly unique U.S. visitors.

- (1) What is the origin of the name 'Facebook' ? 2
- (2) How does Facebook work ? 2
- (3) Name the founders of Facebook. Who were the people who could use the site at the very beginning ? 2

- (4) Name the awards won by Facebook and its team members. 2
- (5) Make sentences with any two of the following words : profile, expand, website, support. 2
3. (A) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with an appropriate word from those given below : 5×1=5
- optimistic, lullaby, peculiar, clarification, unanimous
- (i) He died in very ..... circumstances.
- (ii) We are now taking a more ..... view.
- (iii) I am seeking ..... on the regulations.
- (iv) The committee was ..... in rejecting the proposal.
- (v) She sang her baby a .....

- (B) Give the opposites of the following words :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

active, sufficient, shine, collect, exit.

- (C) Match the words in Column A with their meanings in

Column B :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

**Column A**

**Column B**

Kind

Event

Occasion

Crowd

Nurture

Dot/Small Piece

Huddle

Variety

Speck

Raise/take care of

4. (A) Choose the right word :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

(i) Can we use your washing machine ? Our/ours is broken.



(ii) Whose books are these ? Your/yours or my/mine.

(iii) These shoes are her/hers.

(iv) I don't know the names of their/theirs children.

(v) She does not play video games with school children/  
childrens.

(B) Complete the sentences with my/her/their/your/our :

5×1=5

(i) Do you like ..... job ?

(ii) Saba lives with ..... parents.

(iii) My aunt and uncle spend ..... vacations  
with their children.

(iv) I play tennis because its ..... favorite sport.

(v) Not all of us ate ..... samosas.

(C) Finish the sentences with him/me/them/it/us : 5×1=5

(i) They want to see ..... but I don't know them.

(ii) I don't like ..... but I like his sister.

(iii) Rupa never drinks milk because she does not like .....

(iv) We love Priyanka Chopra and she loves .....

(v) She meets ..... when they go to the temple.

5. Write a letter to an aunt thanking her for a valuable gift. 10

Or

Write a letter to a friend telling him/her about a college trip to Rashtrapati Bhavan.

6. Write a short paragraph (100 words) on any *one* of the following : 10

(a) Your Experience of a Farewell for Your Seniors.

(b) Healthy Food Habits.

(c) The Benefits of Jogging.

(d) Prize Distribution on the Annual Function.

(e) Your Favourite Television Serial.