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

(Language Course)

ENGLISH (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 : 100

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Attempt *All* questions.

P.T.O.

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

Flowers are a living symbol of delicacy and beauty. Gardens are beautiful because flowers bloom there in plenty. We use flowers on all occasions, for all kinds of purposes, throughout our life. We use them at birth; we use them at death. Writers, poets, printers — all praise the beauty of flowers.

India grows a variety of flowers including roses, lilies and marigolds. If you go to a garden in the spring season, you can smell the fragrance of hundreds of flowers and touch their soft petals.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly : 10

- (i) Why are gardens beautiful ?
- (ii) What are the uses of flowers ?
- (iii) Name some flowers that are common in India.
- (iv) Who praises the beauty of flowers ?
- (v) Give a suitable title to the passage.

(b) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or

false (F) :

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(i) Flowers bloom in deserts.

(ii) Flowers are a symbol of bravery.

(iii) We use flowers throughout our life.

(iv) Everyone praises flowers.

(v) Spring season is best for visiting a garden.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions which follow :

Air travel is now an essential part of our daily life. Almost all long-distance mail, millions of passengers and much valuable cargo travel by air in our country these days. In mountainous areas, where roads and railways are difficult to build, aircrafts are the principal means of transport. Elsewhere, even where road

and rail services are good, air transport links together distant places and speeds up travel between them.

The Indian Air Force (I.A.F.) uses fighters, bombers, transporters and helicopters for a variety of tasks. The fighters can fly faster than the speed of sound in order to intercept hostile aircrafts.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly : 10

- (i) What is an essential part of our lives ?
- (ii) What travels by air these days ?
- (iii) What are the principal means of transport in mountains ?
- (iv) What does the I.A.F. use ?
- (v) What can fly faster than the speed of sound ?

- (b) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) : 10

- (i) Millions of people travel by air.
- (ii) It is easy to build railways in mountains.
- (iii) Air transport speeds up travelling.
- (iv) The I.A.F. does not use bombers.
- (v) Fighters intercept hostile aircrafts.

3. (A) Match the words in Column A with their meanings in

Column B : 10

Column A

Column B

quiet

main

dull

angry

furious

silent

principal

again and again

frequently

stupid

(B) Write the words *opposite* in meaning to the following

words :

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large, costly, loud, useful, tall.

4. (A) Fill in the blanks with the prepositions given below : 10

at, on, after, under, with

(i) The police came the thief had

run away.

(ii) I will see you 4 p.m.

(iii) Don't sit the floor.

(iv) I like the programme 'Coffee Karan'.

(v) The child was hiding the table.

(B) Fill in the blanks with the *correct* words : 10

(i) Fifty thousand rupees (is/are) a

large amount.

(ii) Boys and girls (play/plays)
cricket.

(iii) None of the students (has/have)
done home work.

(iv) Each of the players (was/were)
awarded.

(v) His bunch of keys (was/were)
lost.

5. Write a paragraph in about 100 words on "My Favourite TV
Show". 10

6. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about the places
you plan to visit after the examinations get over. 10