

This question paper contains 8+4 printed pages]

Your Roll No.....

781

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

**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*

*(Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.)*

*Note :—* The maximum marks printed on the question paper are applicable for the students of the regular colleges (Category 'A'.) These marks will, however, be scaled up proportionately in respect of the students of NCWEB at the time of posting of awards for compilation of result.

*Attempt All questions.*

1. Answer any *five* of the following questions in about **30** words each : 5×2=10

(i) According to Tarun J. Tejpal, what good things are at display in *It's Only a Game. Enjoy ?*

P.T.O.

- (ii) What does the writer mean by *Ocean of Notions* and *Shah of Blah* in 'Haroun and the Sea of Stories' ?
  - (iii) How is the younger sister described in the poem 'Sisters' ?
  - (iv) What did the PM say to Jayprakash Babu in 'A Ten Day Fast' ?
  - (v) Why did Tara quit eating chocolates ?
  - (vi) What are the main objectives of DGSS in 'A Gandhian in Garhwal' ?
  - (vii) Where does the poet search for the lost word ?
  - (viii) Why does Hema find it difficult to get an experience certificate for Shewanta in 'Routes and Escape Routes' ?
2. Answer any *two* questions in about **75** words each :  $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (i) Why does Mili react on being worshipped by women of the family in 'Girls' ?

- (ii) Describe, in your own words, Korapat as remembered by Bagchi.
- (iii) How does the poet describe poverty in the poem 'Some People' ?
- (iv) How did Mary Malony succeed in destroying the 'Murder Weapon' ?

3. Answer the questions that follow the passage below :

5×2=10

In August 2005, a Boeing 737 crashed near Athens. There were no survivors among the 115 passengers and six crew members on board. Investigators soon identified the failure of the plane to pressurize after take-off as the main cause of this accident. The pressurization switch should be set to auto before take-off. It had been left out of position during

P.T.O.

maintenance the night before, and the pilots did not notice this problem while performing their pre-flight checks. Once the aircraft had climbed to 10,000 feet, an alarm went off in the cockpit to warn the pilot that the aircraft was not pressurizing.

However, the pilots mistakenly believed that the alarm was the take-off configuration warning, and they switched it off.

After the aircraft had climbed above 14,000 feet, oxygen masks were automatically deployed in the cabin. There was a warning light in the cockpit to show that this had occurred.

but the pilots were distracted by another alarm which was sounding and which they believed signified equipment cooling system problem. As the aircraft continued to climb on autopilot, both pilots became disoriented and began to suffer from hypoxia, due to lack of oxygen. There is no indication

in the pilots' communication with air traffic controllers that they had any idea of the danger they faced. If they had realized, they would certainly have put on their oxygen masks in time to begin an emergency descent and then, once at a safe level, they would have tried to determine why the aircraft had not pressurized.

Within a few minutes, both pilots lost consciousness. The aircraft continued as far as Athens on autopilot, escorted by military jets. When contact was lost with the crew, the authorities feared a terrorist attack. The aircraft started whirling and circled until both engines flamed out due to fuel starvation. It then crashed into a hillside about 40 km from Athens.

One pilot was German and the other Cypriot. An additional factor contributing to this accident could be the difficulty the two pilots had communicating in English in a stressful situation; the lack of oxygen could only have made things worse.

*Questions :*

- (i) Identify the main cause of the aircraft accident ?
- (ii) What do you understand by 'autopilot' ?
- (iii) What was the cause of the pilots' confusion ?
- (iv) Besides technical reasons what do you think is the human factor contributing to the accident ?
- (v) Find antonyms of the following words from the passage :

descent, switch-on, better, warming.

4. (A) Fill in the blanks with the words/phrases given

below :

5

grown	learn	entered	reprimanded
went out	shooed	born	believe
blessed	bend down		

I.....the house along with the dog and saw Naani sitting with Maama's son on her lap. As soon as she saw the dog, she.....it away because to her, all animals are untouchables. The dog, used to being....., tucked its tail between its legs and..... I was told to.....and touch Naani's feet. Someone from the family said, 'not like that, bend down properly. You

are.....a girl and you will have to bend for

the rest of your life, so you might as well.....

Naani.....me by waiving her hand over my

bowed back and said, 'this girl hasn't.....

taller. Who would.....she is eight years old ?

(B) Complete the following expressions with appropriate

words :

5

(i) .....and foul

(ii) .....and triumph

(iii) rewards and.....

(iv) .....and despair

(v) honour and.....



(vi) .....and foe

(vii) better or.....

(viii) .....and sensibility

(ix) whims and.....

(x) .....and downs.

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

5

ulterior motive,

soft option,

make fun of,

tongue-in-cheek,

to set aside,

a flair for,

toy with an idea,

far-reaching.

5. (A) Use the *correct* form of the verb in the sentences given below : 5

(i) The cost of housing has.....dramatically

in recent years. (rise)

(ii) Unemployment.....every year until 1991

and then it started to fall. (rise)

(iii) At his wedding Ravi.....a green suit and

a red tie. (wear)

(iv) These are the glasses Geeta has.....ever

since she was 20. (wear)

(v) I last.....you in Paris three years ago.

(see)

(vi) I have never.....anyone dance so well.

(see)

(vii) When David was 16, his parents.....to  
the United States. (move)

(viii) The magistrate.....me several questions  
about my car before they let me go. (ask)

(ix) I have.....playing football ever since I  
moved to Kolkata. (enjoy)

(x) I have.....over 50 letters of support in  
the last 15 days. (receive)

(B) Change the following sentences into reported  
speech : 5

(i) "What will you do next ?" asked Ramesh.

(ii) She said, "Don't drive fast, if your brakes are  
faulty."

(iii) Ravi said, "Get out of my house immediately."

(iv) The Principal said, "Diksha, congratulations!"

(v) "Someone is coming," he said, "get behind the doors."

6. (A) Write a short conversation between Tara and her friend about how she became slim and fit again.

(approximately 100 words). 5

(B) Write a letter to the councillor of your locality, complaining to him about the dismal condition of roads and street lights. 7

(C) Write a short essay in about 250 words on 'Steps to Ensure Safety of Women in Delhi'. 8