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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (A) – Paper I

(Advanced English)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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Attempt *All* the questions.

1. Answer any *five* of the following questions in about 30 words each :

5×3= 15

- (i) Which *three* questions does Haroun ask his father ?
- (ii) What is the 'inheritance' that the older daughter lives up to in the poem 'Sisters' ?
- (iii) Do you think that Baba Sankidas is a master strategist ?
Name the agencies he uses in setting up the issue.

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(iv) In the poem 'The Lost Word', what are the things that people generally sweep under the carpet ?

(v) According to Tarun Tejpal, what is a good cricket match all about ?

(vi) Why was the plucking of flowers forbidden before the festival of Nandashthami ?

(vii) Why were the children in the Bagchi household not allowed to call the driver by his name ?

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

each :

2×5=10

(i) What makes Chipko a landmark in popular mass movements ? Is it only concerned with environment protection ?

(ii) How is Amalkanti's dreams different from that of other boys in the class ? What is the poet's attitude to Amalkanti ?

(iii) Why is it important for the narrator's mother 'to have a son this time', in the story 'Girls' ?

(iv) Do you think Tara is a good wife ? Why ?

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Fashion is a term commonly used to describe a style of clothing worn by a large number of people in a country. However, popular styles of furniture, homes and many other products are also fashions. The kinds of art, music, literature and sports that many people prefer can also be fashions. Thus a fashion is—or reflects—a form of behaviour accepted by most people in a society.

A fashion remains popular for a few months or years and then another fashion takes its place. A product or activity is in fashion or is fashionable during the period of time that many people in society accept it. After a time, however, the same product or activity becomes old-fashioned when the majority of the people no longer accept it.

A clothing style may start as a fashion, but its use becomes a custom if it is handed down from generation to generation. Today, wearing long trousers is custom for men in most countries. But changes in colour and shape of trousers have taken place through the years. A fashion that quickly comes and goes is called a fad. The majority of people don't accept fads. Some people may become involved in faddish behaviour because fad gets a lot of publicity.

Today people follow fashions for many reasons. For example, they want others to think that they belong to a special class of society. Now fashions may be adopted immediately by well-known people, including athletes, film stars and political figures. Then other people follow these fashions so that they can also look important. Some people think that fashionable clothes and surroundings raise their status in life. People also follow fashions to make themselves more attractive. Standards of beauty change through the years, and people decorate themselves according to changing standards. Ideas of beauty also change from culture to culture. For example, people in many countries use cosmetics to look attractive. In some countries, people decorate themselves with tattoo. Men and women have always enjoyed changing their appearances.

Following new fashions in clothes, hair styles and make up allow people to change their appearance in a way which is generally accepted.

- (i) What are the different forms of fashions ? 2
- (ii) Why, after a time, does a fashion become old-fashioned ? 2
- (iii) How does a fashion become a custom ? 2
- (iv) What are the reasons that make people follow fashions ? 2
- (v) Why do people decorate themselves according to changing standards ? 2
- (vi) Find the words from the passage which are opposite in meaning to the following :
unpopular, minority, shorter, ordinary, unattractive. 5

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

toy with an idea, come to mind, ulterior motive, soft option, run into, call off, cut across, to get even with, put up with.

- (b) Fill in the blanks using the phrasal verbs given below. Make necessary changes where required : 5

Look at, get along, come to mind, break in, pay off.

- (i) After getting the sad news he.....tears.
- (ii) I am tired ofthis picture.
- (iii) Where I live it's difficult to.....with the neighbours.
- (iv) He.....his debts.
- (v) In his nervousness, he said the first thing that.....

- (c) Match the words and phrases in column A with their meaning in Column B : 5

Column A**Column B**

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|-------------------|---|
| (i) Secular | play teaching moral lessons of
victory of good over evil |
| (ii) Roughed up | room or building where dead
bodies are kept |
| (iii) Recreation | worldly, not religious |
| (iv) Mortuary | entertainment |
| (v) Morality play | beaten up |
5. (a) In the following sentences, use the correct form of verbs given in the brackets : 5
- (i) He was.....typing before he joined this office as a junior assistant. (learn)

(ii) I.....this suitcase around with me
all day, and it's really heavy. (carry)

(iii) Now, he.....the most efficient typist
in the office. (be)

(iv) He.....in this office for the last two
years. (work)

(v) Anita hasn't wanted to drive since
she.....her new car. (crash)

(b) Do as directed.

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Change the voice :

(i) The workers constructed a road.

(ii) The President gave him a reward.

(iii) Our entire life can be ruined by anger.

(iv) The news surprised me.

Use appropriate modal, with negative form, where necessary :

- (v) Before Harish left Delhi he.....meet me every week.
- (vi) Smoking.....cause lung cancer.
- (vii) Students.....be encouraged to type their assignments.

Change to **reported speech** :

- (viii) 'Did the doctor advise you to lose weight' ?
- (ix) 'Are you feeling alright ?' Arun asked Abhay.
- (x) 'Open your English books', said the teacher.

(c) Fill in the blanks with **appropriate articles** : 5

- (i) Do you want.....sandwich ?
- (ii) She bought.....umbrella.

(iii) His brother is.....M.L.A.

(iv) She is.....colleague of mine.

(v) He is.....honest man.

6. (a) You want to apply for the post of Assistant Manager in a reputed company. Prepare your CV. 10

(b) Imagine that you are Tara. Write a conversation between you and your mother giving reasons for choosing English Honours. (200-250 words) 10

(c) Make a diary entry of your first day in college. (100 words) 5