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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (A) — Paper I

(Advanced English)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

Attempt All questions.

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

each :

5×3=15

(i) Why did Mujtaba not go to the airport to welcome Inzamam after Pakistan won the World Cup ?

(ii) Do you think that Abhay is adequately punished at the end of the story 'Chocolate' ?

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- (iii) In the poem 'Sisters', what is the lesson that the older daughter learns so well ?
- (iv) Why does Bannu go on a fast ? Who advises him to do so ?
- (v) According to the author of the essay 'Hitting Dowry for a Six', what is the biggest advantage girls have in their fight against dowry ?
- (vi) What details tell you that Mary Maloney is a typical, happily married housewife ?
- (vii) Name three things about Benegal's film on Subhas Chandra of which Mihir Bose is critical.
- (viii) What could be the lost word that the speaker looks for in the poem 'The Lost Word' ?

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

each :

2×5=10

(i) Why did the narrator protest about during the puja on Asthami day ?

(ii) Name some of the lessons that Bagchi learnt from his parents.

(iii) What *three* questions does Haroun ask his father ? What is so terrible about the third question ?

(iv) What is the speaker angry about, in the poem 'Some People' ?

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

The Great Chief of Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land. The Great Chief also sends words of friendship

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and goodwill. This is kind of him since we know he has little need of our friendship in return. But we will consider your offer for we know that if we do not do so, the white man may come with guns and take our land.

How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us. We do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water. How can you buy them from us? Every part of this earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insects is holy in the memory and experience of my people.

If I accept your offer, I will make one condition; the white man must treat the beasts of this land as his brothers. I am a savage and do not understand any other way. I have seen a thousand

rotting buffaloes on the prairie, left by the white man who shot them from a passing train. I am a savage and do not understand how the smoking iron horse can be more important than the buffalo that we kill only to stay alive. What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit; for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to man. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth, befalls the sons of the earth.

- (i) Why is the speaker prepared to accept the offer of the Great Chief of Washington ? 3
- (ii) What condition does the speaker impose on the white man ? 3
- (iii) How is the attitude of the white man towards buffaloes different from that of the speaker ? 3

(iv) According to the speaker why are the beasts important ? 3

(v) Find the words from the passage which mean the opposite of : 3

Black, Civilized, Unimportant

4. (a) Fill in the blanks with the given phrases, making necessary changes if required : 5

give up, look forward to, get away with, cry one's heart out, cater to.

(i) Kneeling down beside him, Mary began to.....

(ii) I always the beginning of the new semester.

(iii) He was always attentive in.....to her appetite for chocolate.

(iv) Being a daughter of a rich man, she usually.....petty thefts.

(v) My English homework was too difficult, so I.....

(b) Use any *five* of the following phrases in the sentences of your own so that their meaning becomes clear : 5

(i) break new ground

(ii) keen on

(iii) to come clean

(iv) hang out

(v) show off

(vi) sweet talk

(vii) soft-spoken

(viii) make fun of

(ix) brush under the carpet

- (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) Quirk | excitement of competition |
| (ii) Hysterical | occurring irregularly |
| (iii) Occasional | displaying excessive emotions |
| (iv) Incredible | twist of fate |
| (v) Frisson of combat | difficult to believe,
extraordinary |

5. (a) Complete the following sentences by using the *correct* form of verbs given in the brackets : 5

- (i) Priya.....(leave) just a few minutes ago.

(ii) Next month I.....(know) Tarun for
10 years.

(iii) Steven Spielberg.....(make) over 30 films
and I think 'Schindler's List' is the best.

(iv) He broke his leg while he.....(play)
football.

(v) The earthquake.....(claim) over 5000
lives.

(b) Complete the following sentences with *Who*, *Which*, *What*,
or *How* :

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(i)do you think of her work ?

(ii)do you prefer—tea or coffee ?

(iii)are you working for now ?

(iv)was your holiday ?

(v)one of you is Mr. Jones ?

(c) Do as directed :

Change the voice :

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(i) You can buy videos like this one anywhere.

(ii) He explained the problem to me.

(iii) Better results are expected.

(iv) He was seen climbing over the fence.

Change into reported speech :

(v) "Will you be coming back later ? she asked.

(vi) "I can't see the stage clearly," she said.

(vii) "I will see you tomorrow, " he said.

(viii) "Stay away from me," he warned.

Complete the sentences by using the given modals :

have to, must, should

(ix) If he can afford an Audi, he.....have
a lot of money.

(x) I.....leave early tomorrow, if I
were you.

(xi) I.....meet the principal; she has called
me.

Use appropriate articles :

(xii) Sri Lanka has.....wonderful climate.

(xiii) Can you turn off.....radio,
please ?

(xiv) He can play.....sitar skillfully.

(xv) He has.....expensive phone.

6. (a) Imagine you are Amalkanti's classmate and have met him after 20 years. Write a conversation between you and Amalkanti about your school days. 5
- (b) You have just got a school teacher's job. Make a diary entry of your first day's experience, in about 100 words. 5
- (c) Write a short essay in about 250 words on your favourite sportsman/sportswoman. 10