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B.A. (Prog.)/I

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (C)

(Basic English)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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Attempt *All* questions.

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

The first postage stamp was issued in 1840. It carried the head of Queen Victoria. Some people felt unhappy that their queen's head was disfigured in the process of cancellation. The queen herself didn't seem to mind. In fact,

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she herself enjoyed walking to the local post office from her Balmoral Castle to buy stamps and chat with the postmaster.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly : 10

- (i) When was the first stamp issued ?
- (ii) What did it carry on it ?
- (iii) Why did some people feel unhappy ?
- (iv) What was the Queen's attitude ?
- (v) What did she enjoy doing ?

(b) Say whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) : 10

- (i) The first stamp carried the head of Queen Elizabeth.
- (ii) Stamps were disfigured during cancellation.
- (iii) The Queen was upset.
- (iv) The Queen used to chat with the postmaster.
- (v) The Queen lived in Balmoral Castle.

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

Life was extremely hard for man in the early days. He had no house, no clothes except some skins of animals, and he must have been fighting most of the time. To get his daily food he had to hunt and kill animals or gather nuts and fruits.

He felt he had enemies everywhere. Even nature seemed to him an enemy, sending storms and earthquakes. He was afraid of everything because he could understand nothing. Moreover, he was afraid of the gods he worshipped.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly : 10

(i) Why was life hard for man ?

(ii) What did he do to get food ?

(iii) Why did nature seem to be an enemy to man ?

(iv) Why was man afraid of everything ?

(v) Give the word opposite to 'enemy'.

(b) Say whether the following statements are True (T) of

False (F) : 10

(i) Life was easy for the early man.

(ii) He had a number of houses.

(iii) He kept fighting most of the time.

(iv) He was afraid of nothing.

(v) He did not understand anything.

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

Column B :

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Column A	Column B
chat	repel
lorry	unfriendly
meal	talk
hostile	truck
attract	food

- (b) Write the words opposite in meaning to the following words :

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ugly, smooth, clever, high, loud.

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

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at, with, on, after, under

(i) The river flows the bridge.

(ii) The trade fair begins Children's Day.

(iii) I enjoy eating curd sugar.

(iv) Everyone was relieved the exams got
over.

(v) The minister arrived 10 a.m.

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

(i) No one (like/likes) to work in a noisy
place.

(ii) Savita is very fond (of/off) sweets.

(iii) A number of cars (was/were) parked near
the gate.

(iv) Each boy should (bring/brings) a bat.

(v) Thieves are not (scare/scared) of the
police.

5. Write a paragraph in about **100** words on "My favourite sport". 10
6. Write a letter to your friend telling him about a film you have seen recently. You can speak about the actors, story, songs, music, cinematography etc. 10