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Name of the Paper : English A (Advanced English)

Name of the Course : B.A. (Prog.)

Semester : I

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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Attempt All questions.

1. You have recently got admission in a college. Write a diary entry in about 150 words describing your first day in college. 10
2. Write a paragraph in about 150 words to highlight the problems faced by people who use public transport regularly in Delhi. The paragraph must also contain suggestions for improving public transport services in Delhi. 10
3. Read the following passage, extracted from Mahatma Gandhi's writings and do as directed after the given passage :

If we want to cultivate a true spirit of democracy, we cannot afford to be intolerant. Intolerance betrays lack of faith in one's cause.

Claiming the right of free opinion and free action as we do, we must extend the same to others. The rule of majority when it becomes coercive, is as intolerable as that of a bureaucratic minority. We must patiently try to bring round the minority to our view by gentle persuasion and argument.

P.T.O.

The rule of majority has a narrow application, i.e. one should yield to the majority in matters of detail. But it is slavery to be amenable to the majority, no matter what its decisions are. Democracy is not a state in which people act like sheep. Under democracy, individual liberty, of opinion and action is jealously guarded. I therefore, believe that the minority has a perfect right to act differently from the majority.

If the individual loses his significance, what is left of society? Individual freedom alone can make a man truly dedicate himself completely to the service of society. If he is denied freedom, he becomes a robot and society is ruined. No society can possibly be built on a denial of individual freedom.

(204 words)

Directions :

- (a) Make appropriate notes based on your understanding of the passage. 5
- (b) Write a summary in *one* paragraph of about 70 words to bring out the essence of the passage and give it a suitable title. 8+2
4. Imagine a vacant post of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) in the department of English at XYZ School has been advertized in a national daily newspaper and you want to apply for the same. Keeping in mind the eligibility conditions and other requirements as advertized by the school, prepare the following :
- (a) Your Resume/CV. 10
- (b) A covering letter addressed to the Principal of the school. 5

5. Imagine you are the Secretary of the Adventure Club of your college and you plan to organize a three day excursion trip for its members to any interesting place in or outside Delhi. Write a common informal letter in about **150** words to be e-mailed to all the members asking them to suggest a place of visit describing its unique features to enable the office bearers of the society to finalize the place of visit. 7
6. Imagine you are the secretary of the History Society in your college and, as part of its activities, the students of History (Honours) course want to make a visit to some historically significant place in or outside Delhi. Write a formal letter to the Principal of your college seeking his/her permission to visit the specific place of visit on the date as recommended by the History Society. 8
7. Write a review (in about **200** words) for your college magazine on any recent book that you have read. 10