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*Name of Paper* : English A (Advanced English)

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

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*Maximum Marks* : 75

*(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 30-50 words each: 5×2=10

- (i) How does Mujtaba describe his friend Inzamam?
- (ii) What was so terrible about the third question that Haroun asked his father?
- (iii) In what ways was the narrator's elder sister different from her in the story 'Girls'?
- (iv) Who are the 'imaginary' fathers in the poem 'Sisters'?
- (v) How is Amalkanti's dream different from that of the other boys in the class?
- (vi) What is common between Nisha Sharma and Satyarani Chadha?
- (vii) How does Tara avenge herself in the story 'Chocolate'?

2. Answer any *two* in about 75-100 words each: 2×5=10

- (i) How does a game of cricket become a metaphor for life?
- (ii) Critically examine the role of various agencies made use of by Baba Sankidas to 'set up the issue' in 'A Ten Day Fast'.
- (iii) What were the values Bagchi learnt from his parents that changed his outlook towards success?
- (iv) Critically comment on the various representations of women in the story 'Girls'.

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 5×2=10

When Levi Strauss sold his first pair of jeans, they were not blue and they were not denim. He was 21, a recent immigrant from Bavaria, when he landed in San Francisco in 1850 with gold on his mind. His brother back East had stocked him with dry goods and bolts of canvas, which young Levi intended to sell as tents and wagon tops. He wanted to raise cash to buy himself a claim in the gold digs. Legend has it that a single encounter with a

disgruntled miner changed his career. Eyeing the goods, the miner said he would have done better to bring pants. Pants wore out quickly in the gold digs.

Very soon that miner received the toughest pair of brown canvas pants in the West! Soon other gold prospectors came around looking for "those pants of Levi's". Within a few years, he switched from canvas to French denim, reputed to be the strongest fabric in the world. He later added the indigo dye that puts the blue in the blue jeans.

*Questions:*

- (i) What was unusual about the first pair of jeans sold by Levi Strauss?
  - (ii) Why did Levi carry with him bolts of canvas?
  - (iii) What was the miner looking for? Why was he unhappy?
  - (iv) Why did Levi switch from canvas to French denim?
  - (v) With what ambition did Levi come to San Francisco?
4. (a) Fill in the blanks choosing appropriate words/phrases from the list given below: 5
- Make up; making; hang out; group; class; animation; animatedly; everyone
- According to Mujtaba, they were a .... of four. 'Inzaman has never been one for ... many friends. Even as a kid he would either .... at his only sister's place here or at my home. Night after night, after .... had gone to sleep, Inzy would make the omelettes, I would make the *rotis* and we would eat and eat and talk .... for hours.
- (b) Use any *five* of the phrases given below in sentences of your own so that their meaning becomes clear: 5
- Laid back; heady days; straight drive; self-reliant; lost track of; pick and choose
5. (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets after each sentence: 5
- (i) When I entered the classroom, the teacher ..... attendance. (take)
  - (ii) I ..... a better grade if you had helped me with studies. (get)
  - (iii) They ..... the title last year as well. (win)
  - (iv) She ..... a presentation next week. (make)
  - (v) Have you ..... the assignment? (do)
- (b) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate modal chosen from those given within brackets after each sentence: 5
- (i) You .... forget your old friends. (needn't, mustn't, wouldn't)

- (ii) ..... you like to have coffee? (May, Ought, Would)
- (iii) We ..... always follow the advice of our parents. (should, could, might)
- (iv) ..... you please help me to solve this riddle? (Could, May, Should)
- (v) If they think they will find a treasure, they .... be mad. (should, would, must)
- (c) Rewrite the following sentences in their corresponding active / passive voice: 5
- (i) They distributed sweets.
- (ii) She sells cosmetics.
- (iii) The match was won by India.
- (iv) They are doing rehearsals.
- (v) Sonu has sung this song.
6. (a) Imagine that your father gifted you a smartphone on your birthday. Write a diary entry in about 100 words describing the phone as well as your feelings. 5
- (b) Imagine that you are visiting your old school. Write a speech in about 100 words highlighting the importance of educating the girl child. 5
- (c) Write a paragraph in about 250 words describing a wedding that you attended recently. 10