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B.A. (Programme)II/III AS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE (A)—Paper II

(Advanced English)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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Attempt *All* questions.

1. Answer any *five* of the following questions in about **30-50** words each : 5×3=15

(i) Mention at least three important points to be kept in mind while writing answers during an examination.

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- (ii) What is the moral of the story about the Animal School ?
- (iii) What do you understand by Free Writing ?
- (iv) Why does Barry John compare himself to Billy Elliott ?
- (v) How does the Narrator wish to return in *If I Return This Time* ?
- (vi) List at least three reasons why Saroj wants Harish to marry.
- (vii) What is Anita Satpute's biggest worry ?

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

- (i) What information does Ritwick get from Munna about Roop Singh ?
- (ii) What do you think was the relationship between Bibijan and the man on the TV screen ?

(iii) Describe the reactions of the various characters in the play to Bharti's plight. How are they different ?

(iv) Why is it so important that the Mother smiles for the photograph ?

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 5×3=15

Anant Pai, who died recently, was the man who started the series of great Indian comics known as Amar Chitra Katha. But he was more than just a teller of tales—he taught a whole generation its history and its mythology when few Indian children had any interest in it. One day in February 1967 Pai was standing at a shop selling television sets at the junction of Gurdwara Road and Ajmal Khan Road. A quiz show was in progress. None of the contestants could answer a simple question like “Who is the mother of Lord Ram ?” He felt bad about it but tried to console himself by thinking that these kids were not interested in the past, they were looking to P.T.O.

the future. But the very next question was about a god from Greek mythology and all the kids knew the answer. He realised that these young people were alienated from their own culture and that comics might be a way of bringing them back.

Pai began working on his idea but publishers refused to publish his comics. Finally, G.L. Mirchandani agreed to help and Amar Chitra Katha began to roll out. Pai took no salary for the first few months. He would write the story, draw the pictures and then go out and market it in bookstores, schools and libraries. He would arrange drawing competitions, quizzes and story telling competitions, compering them, judging them and connecting with his market.

And this was where his genius lay. He understood his market. He knew he had to reach out to the children but he had to convince their parents first for it was *they who paid* for the comics. The

language was kept clean and simple. No slang, for instance. Colloquial expressions were allowed in the speech bubbles but not in the commentary.

In those days school principals would never allow a comic into the school library. So in 1978, Pai conducted a study in 30 schools with 981 students. One group was taught about Razia Sultan, the daughter of Ilutmish who ruled briefly in thirteenth century, in the standard format, using text books and classroom instructions. The other read the Amar Chitra Katha on Razia Sultan. When the two groups were compared on recall, the group that read the comics scored much better. There was no comparison even in terms of questions on the year in which Razia ascended the throne. With that data, Pai went to the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, then headed by Baldev Mahajan. Mahajan took one look at the study and ordered that central schools could use government funds to buy Amar Chitra Katha. The rest is history.

Questions :

- (i) What did the TV show that Pai watched in 1967 reveal to him ?
- (ii) What problems did Pai face in starting his comic book production ?
- (iii) How did Pai promote this comic books ?
- (iv) What study did Pai conduct to change the attitude of schools towards his comics ?
- (v) What do you understand by the phrase 'he understood his market' ?
4. (a) Use the following pairs of words in sentences to bring out the difference in their meaning : 5×2=10
- accept/except
- sole/soul
- threw/through
- light/lite
- part/apart

- (b) Give antonyms (words opposite in meaning) for the words given below : 5×1=5

(i) poverty

(ii) deep

(iii) bravery

(iv) high

(v) regular.

5. (a) Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct preposition from those given in brackets : 10×1=10

(i) My mother gets her salary the end of the month. (at/in/on)

(ii) I'll be with you a moment.

(by/in/within)

(iii) I have a meeting Friday morning.

(at/in/on)

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(iv) I want to buy a scooter but my parents won't hear it. (about/of/on)

(v) She hit the culprit a stick. (with/by/on)

(vi) The students were enthusiastic the college picnic. (with/on/about)

(vii) The cost of our trip includes all meals tea. (beside/except/by)

(viii) He pointed a gun the sentry, to frighten him. (to/on/at)

(ix) I hope to call my aunt, when I visit Lucknow next. (on/in/at)

(x) I had no idea her mother's sickness till she told me. (on/about/for)

(b) Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks with an appropriate article : $5 \times 2 = 10$

(i) girl who was given excellence award is my friend.

- (ii) It is undoubted fact that drugs have
adverse impact on health.
- (iii) He is popular teacher because
he lends ear to everyone's
problems.
- (iv) I met European tourist during my visit to
Rishikesh, popular holiday resort.
- (v) M.A. in a subject is the basic qualification
for teaching in institution of higher
education.

- (c) Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct
word from the box : 5×1=5

(which, where, many, whose, much)

- (i) The village I come from has no college for
girls.

(ii) name has been shortlisted for the post ?

(iii) There is not water left in the jug.

(iv) Today, students prefer to enrol for distance education programmes to improve their skills.

(v) The book is prescribed for the course is not available easily.

6. (a) Write a letter to your friend, who has passed out of school this year, advising him on how to seek admission in a good college.

Or

Write a short essay (200 words) on your experience of college life pointing out the problems you have faced and how they may be resolved.

- (5) Imagine that you have a chance to interview your local Municipal Councillor. Write down at least ten questions which you would ask him/her related to the problems in your area.

Or

You believe that Newspapers provided better news coverage than the T.V. Write down at least ten reasons in favour of your opinion.

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