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**ENGLISH : STREAM C— Paper II**

**(Text, Grammar and Composition)**

**[Meant for students who have not studied  
English beyond Class VIII]**

**[Also English Paper II-C of B.A. (Prog.) II / III,  
Adm. of 2004 only]**

**Time : 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks : 100**

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

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*Attempt all questions.*

1. Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow them:

**[A]**

Circuses are no longer as popular as they used to be,

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either in urban or in rural areas. The number of people who come to see the circus is decreasing very fast. Even in Delhi during winter, which is the most important season, the shows are only half full. Though the owners of the circuses do not tell exactly how much money they earn for every show, we can guess that they collect approximately ten thousand rupees per show. "In another ten years or so, circuses in India will totally disappear unless the Government does something about it soon," warns Shankaran, the owner of Gemini Circus.

Many famous Indian circuses have already disappeared, for example, the Kamla Circus which had entertained thousands of viewers a decade ago. There were about a hundred circuses in the country three or four decades ago but their number has fallen to less than fifteen today.

Let us look at some facts about circuses. The highest circus salary is not more than three thousand rupees but in terms of costs the expenses are very high. In Delhi, for example, rent for a circus ground comes to about fifteen hundred rupees per day, whether it is at the Red Fort grounds or at the Chirag Delhi crossing. Then there is the expense on men, materials and animals. Both Gemini and Amar Circuses employ about four hundred people out of which only about a hundred and fifty are circus artists, the rest being support staff such as ring boys, cleaners, and loaders.

The average monthly wage of these workers is not more than one thousand rupees.

(a) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F):

- (i) Very few people go to see circus in rural as well as urban areas.
- (ii) Circuses in India can continue if the Government takes some steps.
- (iii) All the well-known circuses have disappeared.
- (iv) The Kamla Circus is popular even today.
- (v) There is no difference between the salary of the circus artists and that of the support staff.

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(b) Answer the following questions briefly:

- (i) What is the average collection (approximately) of money from one circus show?
- (ii) How many circuses did India have thirty or forty years ago?
- (iii) What is the rent per day for a circus ground in one of the popular places in Delhi?
- (iv) What is the average monthly salary of a Gemini Circus worker?
- (v) Find words from the passage which mean:

a period of ten years, becoming less.

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**[B]**

Before the railways were introduced, travelling was very risky and troublesome. People had to tread over long distances on foot or horseback. It would take days and months to reach a distant place. With the introduction of railways, travelling became easy, speedy and comfortable. Like all other inventions, invention of railways is a gift of the modern age. There is a long and protracted story on how the first locomotive engine and other components of the railways system were invented.

The steam engine as you know was perfected by James Watt. But it was an engine that was fixed to a particular place. It could not be used for pulling vehicles. The first man to make the travelling engine was an English mechanic George Stephenson. His steam engine named as the Rocket created a sensation in 1829 by running at a speed of 15 miles an hour from Birmingham to Manchester. Soon the first regular railways system was started between Liverpool and Manchester. The railways also began to be constructed in many other countries of Europe. In America, the first railway line was inaugurated on the Christmas Day, 1830. Soon after the iron horse rapidly ran across the whole of the world.

In the years to come slowly and steadily the operation of railways was made safer and more comfortable. In 1867 Thomas S. Hall invented the automatic electric

signal system. This system informs about the presence of another train in a section of the track ahead. Another safety device was the air-brake invented by George Westinghouse in 1868.

(a) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F):

(i) Before the introduction of the railways, travelling was very uncomfortable.

(ii) James Watt made the first steam engine called the 'Rocket'.

(iii) The engine 'Rocket' ran at a speed of 15 miles an hour.

(iv) The first railway line in England started in 1830.

(v) George Westinghouse invented the air-brake device in 1868. 5

(b) Answer the following questions briefly:

(i) What was the mode of travel before railways was introduced?

(ii) What was the limitation of the engine made by James Watt?

(iii) Where was the first regular railway system started?

(iv) Who invented the first automatic electric signal system.

(v) Give opposites of the following words:

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safe, ancient.

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2. (a) Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B. One word in Column B is extra.

*A*

*B*

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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| (i) wage        | (a) entertainment         |
| (ii) recreation | (b) cost                  |
| (iii) decade    | (c) a period of ten years |
| (iv) expense    | (d) soldiers              |
| (v) troops      | (e) payment               |
|                 | (f) made dirty            |

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- (b) Give one word for the following:

- (i) One whose wife is dead
- (ii) One who kills others
- (iii) One who passes time doing nothing
- (iv) One who sells pens, pencils, etc
- (v) One who mends shoes.

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- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing appropriate words from the list. One word is extra.

entertained, provided, bought, decreased, invented, destroyed.

- (i) The temperature ..... due to heavy rain.

- (ii) He has sold his old house and ..... a new one.
- (iii) Many houses were ..... in the earthquake.
- (iv) The Wright brothers ..... the aeroplane.
- (v) The grandmother ..... the children with her funny stories. 5

3. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets:

Manav ..... (be) an engineer. He has been ..... (work) in this organisation for four years. He ..... (go) to his office at 8 am and ..... (come) back at 7 pm. Before this, he was ..... (work) in another office. He ..... (not like) that job because they ..... (not give) him enough salary. He has now ..... (leave) that job and has ..... (join) this organisation. He ..... (be) very happy now. 5

(b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the correct verb from the brackets:

- (i) Everybody ..... (like, likes) to win.
- (ii) These mangoes ..... (has, have) a sour taste.
- (iii) Both the brothers ..... (study, studies) in the same school.
- (iv) Water ..... (boil, boils) at 100 degrees centigrade.

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(v) A spider ..... (has, have) eight legs. 5

4. (a) Change the following sentences into passive voice:

(i) The policeman caught the thief.

(ii) My mother cooked food.

(iii) The doctor treated the patient.

(iv) My sister sang a song.

(v) My Uncle built this house. 5

(b) Given below are some answers. Form questions to them.

(i) Yes, I want a cup of tea.

(ii) No, he is not playing cricket.

(iii) My aunt is coming at 6 pm.

(Begin with When ....)

(iv) I have four bags. (Begin with How many ....)

(v) Mrs. Gupta teaches us English.

(Begin with Who ....) 5

(c) Rewrite the following sentences in Reported Speech:

(i) Mrs. Sethi said to the students, "I will not take the class today."

(ii) Mohit said, "I will go to see a movie in the evening."

(iii) Kavita said, "My mother has bought a new saree."



(iv) Anu said, "I have finished my work."

(v) Mona said to Sujata, "I am very happy to see you." 5

5. Last week you attended the marriage of your friend, Vidhi. Describe the scene at the bride's place in about 100 words. You may use the following words/expressions:

a happy occasion; beautifully decorated pandal; well-lit house; well-dressed people; lovely bride; handsome bridegroom; delicious food, marriage ceremony, dance and music. 10

6. You had to go for an interview to Mumbai for a job with Super Computers Pvt. Ltd. But you would not be able to go because of the sudden illness of a family member. Send a telegram to the Personnel Manager of the company apologising for your inability to come and requesting him for a fresh date for the interview. 10

7. You are looking for a job related to Interior Decoration. You see an advertisement in the Hindustan Times dated 20th March 2011 from Pearl Decor Pvt. Ltd., C-7 Lajpat Nagar 2, New Delhi. Write an application to the Administrative Manager of the company giving your bio-data. 10

