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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (A)—Paper II

(Advanced English)

(Admissions of 2005/2006 and onwards in respect of

Students of Regular Colleges/NCWEB)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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Attempt All questions.

P.T.O.

1. Answer any *five* in about **30-50** words each : $5 \times 2 = 10$
- (i) Why does Sejal think that her mother-in-law entertains a man in her room every afternoon ?
 - (ii) What is the central theme of the poem, *If I Return This Time* ?
 - (iii) Why does Saroj want Harish to marry Renu Chawla ?
 - (iv) Why is the food consumed by Anita and her husband is different from the food that her children eat ?
 - (v) Name at least *three* places where the sons took their mother after she fell ill.
 - (vi) Do you agree with the writer that 80 to 90 percent of today's youth are unemployable ?
 - (vii) What do the authors of the article on the Animal School mean by saying that learning can be fun ?
2. Answer any *two* in about **75-100** words each : $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (i) If a student makes a mistake, what should be the response of (a) the teacher and (b) other students in the class ?

- (ii) Describe the New Year's Party at Kedia's house and what happened to Roop Singh.
- (iii) Why were Barry John's parents not happy at his decision to join theatre ? Do you agree with them ?
- (iv) Do you think that the play *Her Name is Bharti* is about violence against women ?
3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

5×2=10

Rude and angry behaviour has become very common today, especially in our cities. It can happen anywhere—on the road, at home, or at the workplace.

Living under conditions of high stress, most people no longer regard patience as a virtue. It is seen as a waste of time and an act of cowardice.

The following incident occurred on a busy toll-road where traffic queues during peak hours are a regular feature. One

day while driving to work, waiting for my turn at the toll-gate, my attention was drawn towards the adjacent lane. The chauffeur of an expensive and large car was having a fierce argument with the toll-gatekeeper. In the passenger's seat sat a man, perhaps the owner of the car, dressed most exquisitely. Within seconds this gentleman jumped out of the car and started shouting at the gatekeeper.

What could be the matter that a man like him would give up his gentle manner and become so aggressive and rude ? Why despite being a unique creation, does man find it so difficult to maintain calm ?

Human beings are considered to be unique because we are intelligent; we have a clever mind that can differentiate between right and wrong. Then why are we overcome with negative thoughts ? Unable to realize the sea of opportunities that lie beyond an immediate problem, we choose to be reactive, and as a consequence complicate problems.

On the contrary, having a well-considered response can change even the most negative situation into a positive event. The art of converting negative into positive is a very important principle. It allows a person to exercise restraint and control his negative emotions. Doing so, we get time to think about the good and the bad points of the event and plan our response carefully. Such an approach makes us realize the immense opportunities if we adopt a friendly attitude without wasting energy and effort on confrontation.

Life is a challenge. By cultivating a non-confrontational approach we can achieve positive outcomes and be peaceful and happy. But unfortunately, most lose this chance because of an obsession with ego and a feeling of self importance. It is therefore, up to each one of us to choose our course—angry reaction which may lead to loss of opportunities or a well considered response which would direct us to the path of calm, happiness and well-being.

Questions :

- (i) Why has rude and angry behaviour become a common practice ?
- (ii) Why did the gentleman in the passenger seat join the fight between his driver and the gatekeeper ?
- (iii) How can a negative situation be converted into a positive one ?
- (iv) What do we achieve by a choosing well considered response ?
- (v) From the passage find out antonyms for the words given below :
- positive, disturbing, sad, humility
4. (a) Give the correct synonyms (words similar in meaning) of the words given below : $10 \times \frac{1}{2} = 5$
- correct, salary, consume, stale, career, factory, stupid, debit, hunger, arrive.

- (b) Complete the following sentences by using phrases/ idioms given below. Make necessary changes in their construction if required : 5

come across, undergone treatment, rattle off, in spite of, to grapple with.

(i) Anita is trying very hard.....the problems in her life.

(ii) My father has.....at the hospital for typhoid.

(iii) Runa can.....the names of most Hindi films as she loves them.

(iv) I have never.....a man like him in my life.

(v) The students were not able to answer the questions.....having practised earlier.

5. (a) Fill in the blanks in the sentences given below with the correct adverbial clause of time (as, when and while) :

$$10 \times \frac{1}{2} = 5$$

- (i) The baby stopped crying.....the music started.
- (ii) Suresh hurt his back.....running after a bus.
- (iii) You will see the Taj on the right you cross the bridge.
- (iv) Sheela was walking down the street she was run over by a car.
- (v) Ramanujan found an old box full of golddigging in the garden.
- (vi) I was very good at history.....I was at school.
- (vii)you grow old you also become weak.

(viii) Madhu cleaned the house.....I was
away shopping.

(ix) He shifted to America with his parents
.....he was eleven.

(x) I can't remember.....we last met
Ketki.

(b) Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks
with the prepositions given in the box :

for, of, on, about, to, at, after, from, by, between $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$

(i) I prefer watching the news on the television
.....watching serials.

(ii) He could not understand a word
what Vibha was saying.

(iii) I borrowed a thousand rupees
Ramesh last month.

(iv) Ram has no aptitude.....music.

- (v) He did not tell anyone.....his plans
to go to Allahabad.
- (vi) The distance.....my home and
college is fifteen kilometers.
- (vii) Harish decided to marry only.....he
was forty years old.
- (viii) Barbara and Sunny have been chatting
.....the phone for nearly an hour.
- (ix) We stopped.....the book shop on
our way back.
- (x) This project should be completed
Monday.
- (c) Fill in the blanks with the right pronoun from the words.
given below :
- $10 \times \frac{1}{2} = 5$
- themselves, yourself, herself, himself, yours, myself, my,
their, ourselves, they, mine

- (i) I was given the book by the author
.....
- (ii) You should be ashamed of.....for
what you have done.
- (iii) He.....is responsible for the life he
is leading.
- (iv) We should not put.....in danger.
- (v) They prepared all the food for the
party.....
- (vi) I am going to teach.....German.
- (vii) This book is not....., it is mine.
- (viii) I bought this car from.....own
savings.
- (ix) One can hear.....voice even over the
loud music.
- (x) I was having lunch when.....called.

6. (a) Imagine you are Anita Satpute's elder sister and have recently visited her. Give an account of what you saw at her house to your mother.

Or

Rewrite the story of "A Leader of Men" from Kedia's viewpoint. 10

- (b) Write a short essay in about 250 words on how we can help students develop good communication skills.

Or

Write a short paragraph on your father highlighting the qualities you admire in him. 10