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**B.A. (Programme)/II/III      B**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE (B) – Paper II**  
**(Intermediate 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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All questions are compulsory. Do **all** parts of a question together.

1. Based on your reading of your course book "English at the Workplace-II" choose any **ten** of the following statements and say whether they are **true** or **false**. Correct the false statement briefly. Give examples or explanations in support of the true statements. **2 × 10 = 20**
  - (i) Exposure to Standard English at an early age does not help in lessening the mother tongue influence.

- (ii) Indians speak faster than Americans.
- (iii) In India people say 'sorry' and 'thank you' all the time.
- (iv) Small talk is a waste of time.
- (v) A syllable is a word or part of a word that has only one vowel sound.
- (vi) English is a syllable timed language.
- (vii) Markers of politeness differ across cultures and languages.
- (viii) Asians do not see giving an option as a necessary part of polite behaviour.
- (ix) Listening is not something that needs to be learnt.
- (x) Empathy is the ability to listen to the hidden meaning not just the words.
- (xi) Most teachers feel that vocabulary learning is very important.
- (xii) You can introduce people in any order you want.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Once you have decided to learn a language, you may not be quite sure which language to choose. To some extent, your choice depends on your reasons for learning a language. For example if you'd like to communicate with as many people as possible, learning such languages as Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, French, Russian or Arabic would enable you to do so.

After choosing a language, you can start thinking about how you're going to study it. For popular languages like French and Spanish, there's a wealth of material available. For lesser-studied languages, the choice can be more limited. If courses are available in your area, it might help you to attend them, or you may prefer to study on your own, or to have individual lessons.

Learning the pronunciation of a language is a very important part of learning a language. It doesn't matter if you just want to read and/or write the language, but if you want to speak a language well, pay particular attention to the pronunciation and review it regularly.

Building up your vocabulary in a foreign language can take many years. Learning words in context from written and spoken material is probably the most effective way to do this. You could also try learning words in a more systematic way—perhaps a certain number of words everyday.

Familiarity with the grammar of a language enables you to understand it, and also to construct your own phrases and sentences. It's not essential to know all the grammatical terminology or to understand why words change, as long as you're able to apply relevant changes when necessary.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly :

2 × 4 = 8

- (i) Give two reasons for learning a foreign language.
- (ii) Why is it important to learn the pronunciation of a foreign language ?
- (iii) Why is it important to learn the grammar of a language ?
- (iv) What is the best way to build up your vocabulary ?

(b) Choose words from the passage which mean the opposite of the following :

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- (i) Unpopular
- (ii) Finish
- (iii) Group
- (iv) General

3. (a) Fill in the blanks with a, an or the :

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- (i) This is \_\_\_\_\_ book about wild life. Put this book on \_\_\_\_\_ table.
- (ii) I bought \_\_\_\_\_ orange from \_\_\_\_\_ market.
- (iii) Ram's father is \_\_\_\_\_ M.L.A. and goes to work in \_\_\_\_\_ car.

(iv) Shalini works in \_\_\_\_\_ insurance office. Her office has shifted to \_\_\_\_\_ new building.

(v) She is \_\_\_\_\_ intelligent girl and rides \_\_\_\_\_ cycle to college.

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns : 5

(i) Shama loves to dance. \_\_\_\_\_ attends dance classes every day. \_\_\_\_\_ brother also loves dancing. \_\_\_\_\_ have performed at many dance festivals.

(ii) Rita is both hard working and intelligent, so \_\_\_\_\_ was shocked to hear that \_\_\_\_\_ had not cleared \_\_\_\_\_ board exams.

(iii) Rama has bought this book from Nai Sarak. \_\_\_\_\_ needs this book in order to prepare for \_\_\_\_\_ medical entrance exams, \_\_\_\_\_ is a very good book. This book will be of great help to \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Complete the following dialogues :

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(i) Raja : Can you lend me your text book  
for a day ?

Rita : No, \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Ram : Can you tell me how to send an  
SMS.

Rama : Sure, \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) Mohan : Do you know when the half  
yearly exams are starting ?

Meena : \_\_\_\_\_

(iv) Rohit : Please tell me the way to the  
college library.

Rakesh : \_\_\_\_\_

(v) Rahul : What do you want for dinner ?

Jitender : \_\_\_\_\_

5. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words  
from the bracket.

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(i) I \_\_\_\_\_ to Shimla next year.  
(will go, went, goes)

- (ii) She met Mohan when she \_\_\_\_\_ down the stairs. (is walking, was walking, will be walking)
- (iii) The Sun \_\_\_\_\_ in the West. (set, can set, sets)
- (iv) Seema \_\_\_\_\_ when I arrived. (is sleeping, was sleeping, sleeps)
- (v) Sana \_\_\_\_\_ to be doctor when she grows up. (wants, wanted, want)

(b) Change the following sentences from direct to indirect speech :

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- (i) Lata, "I go for a walk everyday."
- (ii) Asha, "I saw a monkey in the zoo yesterday."
- (iii) Mother, "Do you want something special for dinner."
- (iv) Teacher, "Please submit your assignments by tomorrow."
- (v) Rashmi, "Will you come for the farewell tomorrow Rekha?"

- (c) Fill in the blanks with the words given below : 5

big and noisy, slow down, dangerous, warm and sunny, enthusiastic but tired.

It was a \_\_\_\_\_ day when we set out for a picnic in the jungle. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ group of teenagers. All of a sudden, the path became very dangerous. We came to know that there were \_\_\_\_\_ animals deep inside the forest. In spite of all this, the \_\_\_\_\_ group did not \_\_\_\_\_.

6. (a) Write a letter to the President of the Student Union of your College to arrange special buses for the students of your college. 5

**OR**

Write a letter to your brother telling him what you plan to do after completing college.

- (b) Write a short essay on any **one** of the following in about **250 – 300** words : 10
- (i) Corruption in India.
  - (ii) Commonwealth Games
  - (iii) Ragging in educational institutions.