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Name of the Paper : English A (Advanced English)

(Admissions of 2011 onwards)

[Meant for students who have studied English upto Class XII]

Name of the Course : B.A. (Programme)

Semester : III

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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All questions are compulsory.

Follow instructions strictly.

(Fluency in English II)

1. Answer any *five* questions in about 30-50 words each :

(i) How does 'keen observation' help good writing ?

(ii) What is the message of the article on the animal school ?

(iii) What does the poet mean by returning 'completely human' in the poem 'If I Return This Time' ?

(iv) Why was Barry John's childhood unhappy ?

(v) Do you think that Harish Chawla is a good businessman ? Why ?

(vi) What are the *two* 'mentalities or frames of mind' needed for writing ? 5×2°

2. Answer any *two* in about 75-100 words :

(i) In what ways is free writing different from formal writing ?

(ii) What efforts did Anita Satpute make in order to bring up her children ?

(iii) What are the different reasons which Saroj has for getting her son Harish married ? 2×5

P.T.O.

3. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow :

Chess is one of the oldest indoor games known to mankind. It is also known for its power over those who are addicted to the game. There are many stories of how kings have preferred to lose their kingdoms rather than give up their game of chess.

After much painstaking research it has been found chess originated in India, though China too is a contender for this claim. But much evidence points to India as the land of its origin. It is difficult to associate the invention of chess with any particular time period in history simply because of the absence of data. Hindu mythology believes that Queen Mandodari, the wife of Ravana, contributed significantly to the invention of chess. It is also said that chess was invented to pass time between frequently-fought wars. It is also possible that it was evolved by women to keep themselves busy while their husbands were away in the battle-field.

The original name of chess was 'Chaturanga' and denoted the four parts of an army comprising elephants, horses, chariots and foot soldiers. According to another story about the origin of chess, the game was invented by someone in Northwest India around the fifth century AD. The inventor demanded from the local king a very strange reward. He wanted that each square on the chessboard be covered in such a manner that to start with one grain be placed on the first square, its double on the second square, again its double on the third square and so on till the last square was filled. This seemingly simple request, when complied with, turned out to be a Herculean task as the total number of grains required amounted to a huge figure.

- (i) When and where did chess originate ?
- (ii) In which historical period can it be said to have started ?
- (iii) What are the *two* possible reasons for the invention of chess ?
- (iv) What reward did the inventor of chess seek from the local king ?
- (v) Why was chess also known as 'Chaturanga' ?

4. (a) Fill in the *correct* phrases in the blanks below. You might have to change the construction of some to fit in with the sentences :

nervous breakdown; to do something decisive; to talk animatedly;
 jump to the defence of; to overcome an obstacle

- (i) He decided that he could no longer watch quietly. He had _____.
- (ii) Seema had a _____ after she lost her job.
- (iii) Mohit _____ of his brother when he saw the shopkeeper getting violent.
- (iv) I met an old friend after a gap of five years and we _____ for a long time.
- (v) One needs strong determination _____ 5

- (b) Make sentences of your own using any *five* of the following words :

unavoidable; innovate; fertile; skeptical; meditation; depression; twisted 5

5. (a) Complete the following sentences using the *correct* forms of the verbs given in brackets :

- (i) We _____ (went/had gone) to the theatre yesterday.
- (ii) I _____ (hear/am hearing) that you have bought a new flat.
- (iii) He _____ (broke/has broken) his leg last week.
- (iv) I shall see you when you _____ (will come/come) home.
- (v) I _____ (didn't read/haven't read) a newspaper since last week. 5

- (b) Complete each of the following sentences using the correct word given in brackets :

- (i) Jatinder's mother never allowed her to invite _____ (any/some) close friends home.

- (ii) There can hardly be _____ (any/some) doubt that he is the best speaker.
- (iii) _____ (Every/Each) day we go to work by bus.
- (iv) The trip was _____ (entire/long) but enjoyable.
- (v) We have _____ (each/every) reason to be upset.
- (vi) Do you have _____ (any/some) idea who will correct our papers ?
- (vii) The play was not well attended, but _____ (a few/the few) people who came had a very good experience.
- (viii) I have a friend _____ (who/whose) can speak four languages fluently.
- (ix) Having _____ (climbing/climbed) a tree, Mohan was able to see a way out of the forest.
- (x) The child is looking very pleased _____ (with/at) himself. 10

6. (a) Harish and his mother Saroj went to Colonel Luthra's house in order to see Renu. Imagining yourself to be Harish, write a letter to a friend describing what happened during that visit in about 250 words. 10
- (b) The History Society of your college organized a one week summer camp at a hill station. As the Secretary of the Society, write a report about the camp for the college magazine in about 250 words.

Or

Describe, in about 250 words, the steps you will take to improve your college if you become the President of the Students' Union. 10