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Name of the Paper : English Language-B (Intermediate English)

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All questions are compulsory.

Do all parts of a question together.

1. Based on the reading of your course book, *English at the Workplace-II*, say whether the following statements are true or false. Correct the false statements briefly (Choose any ten) : 10×2=20

- (i) Socializing is a waste of time.
- (ii) It is a woman's choice whether she will shake hands with a man or not.
- (iii) You can introduce people in any order you want.
- (iv) Asians do not see giving an opinion/option as a necessary part of polite behaviour.
- (v) Rules of polite behaviour are common across cultures.
- (vi) In eastern societies a lot of respect is shown to age and seniority.
- (vii) Fluent speakers of English do not say 'sorry' or 'thank you' very often.
- (viii) 'Listening' is a school subject and is taught like reading and writing.
- (ix) We engage in casual listening when we listen for recreation or pleasure.

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(x) When we ask for favours we tend to make the task look easier.

(xi) Indians speak English faster than Americans.

(xii) Careless and self-centered persons make good listeners.

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

Do you know where the modern mail system originated ? Well, it was in England. And the strange thing was that it was not the sender but the receiver who had to pay for the post. Initially, the postmen delivering letters used to collect the money in cash. The postage itself was quite high, calculated on the basis of a complex set of rates.

Rowland Hill, who became the greatest postal reformer in history, never forgot his childhood experience when his poor mother had to send him out to sell a bag of clothes to raise three shillings to receive a batch of letters.

Later, he (Sir Rowland Hill) thought of a scheme so that the burden of payment should be shifted from the addressee to the sender. And the system of postage stamp was started. Most letters required a postage stamp worth only a penny.

The first such stamp was issued in 1840 and it carried the head of the Queen Victoria. Some people felt unhappy that their queen's head was disfigured in the process of cancellation. The queen herself didn't seem to mind. In fact, she enjoyed walking to the local post office from her Balmoral Castle to buy stamps and chat with the postmaster.

*Questions. :*

- (I) Fill in the blanks using appropriate words from the passage : 5
- (i) The use of postage stamp is part of the modern ..... system.
  - (ii) Earlier the ..... of the mail had to pay for the post.
  - (iii) ..... is known as the greatest postal reformer in history.
  - (iv) The queen walked from ..... to the local post office to buy stamps.
  - (v) The modern mail system originated in .....

- (II) Answer the following questions briefly : 6
- (i) What new scheme did Rowland Hill introduce ?
  - (ii) When was the first stamp issued and what did it show ?
  - (iii) Suggest an appropriate title for the passage.
- (III) Find words from the passage which mean the opposite of the following : 4
- (i) Simple
  - (ii) Sell
  - (iii) Ancient
  - (iv) Remember.
3. (A) Fill in the blanks with **a, an** or **the** : 10
- (i) I bought ..... orange from ..... market.
  - (ii) It's ..... beautiful day, let's sit in ..... garden.
  - (iii) This is ..... book about wildlife, put it on ..... table.
  - (iv) She is ..... intelligent girl and studies in ..... tenth standard.
  - (v) Rahul works in ..... Insurance Company, his office is in ..... older part of the city.
- (B) Complete the following sentences using **some** or **any** : 5
- (i) Can I have ..... milk in my coffee, please ?
  - (ii) I am too tired to do ..... work.
  - (iii) Before going to the hospital, we bought ..... flowers.
  - (iv) I was penniless and had to borrow ..... money from my brother.
  - (v) Prem is very lazy, he never does ..... work in the house.

4. (A) Match the informal expressions in column A with their more formal versions in column B : 5

Column A	Column B
(i) shut up !	good bye, sir !
(ii) hello Rahul !	this is indeed a stroke of good luck !
(iii) see you !	could we have silence, please !
(iv) lucky girl !	You have all my sympathy !
(v) poor you !	good morning, Rahul !

- (B) Complete the dialogue : 5

Aman : Where are you planning to go in your holidays ?

Bina : \_\_\_\_\_

Aman : How long will you be staying there ?

Bina : \_\_\_\_\_

Aman : Is anyone else going with you ?

Bina : \_\_\_\_\_

Aman : Where will you be staying there ?

Bina : \_\_\_\_\_

Aman : \_\_\_\_\_

Bina : I will be visiting some historical places there.

5. (A) Write a letter to your father asking him for money to pay your college fees. 7

*Or*

Write a letter to your friend telling him/her what you plan to do after graduation.

- (B) Write a short essay on any *one* of the following in about **250-300** words : 8

- (i) College Elections
- (ii) An Indian Wedding
- (iii) My Favourite Filmstar.