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Name of the Paper : English C (Basic English)

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

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Maximum Marks : 75

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

All questions are compulsory.

Follow instructions strictly.

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

Once, when I was in the 10th standard, I saw a lady pilot—it was quite an amazing sight for me. Just imagine, in a population of a billion people, there are probably no more than a hundred pilots. As for lady pilots ? It's a tiny percentage. I knew I wanted to do something different with my life. I also wanted to be in a different profession where I wouldn't be exploited, and where I could do whatever I wished. But I really had to fight for it. It was very difficult. My father never agreed with my taking up a job. My mother was very attached to me, and she had to take a stand. She had wanted me to become a doctor, but I wanted something bit more adventurous. My sisters were not allowed to step out of the house, and yet at the age of eighteen, I went abroad to study—to New Zealand. And that too, on my own.

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(A) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or False (F) :

- (i) The passage is about a boy who is in 10th standard.
- (ii) The "I" in the passage belongs to a modern broad-minded family.
- (iii) The writer's mother wanted her child to become a doctor.
- (iv) The writer is a brave, bold and determined person.
- (v) There are many lady pilots in the world.

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(B) Answer the following questions briefly :

- (i) Who is the "I" in the passage ? What job does the person do ?
- (ii) Who impressed the young student ? Why ?
- (iii) What kind of family did the person belong to ?
- (iv) What role does the person's mother play in her life ?
- (v) What make the "I" different from others ?

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

The headlines in *The New York Times* recently asked : "Why aren't India's women working ?" The article was only looking at paid work, and here India's record is very poor. In fact, according to the International Labour Organisation, in the ranking of nations, India stands 11th from the bottom in terms of female labour participation.

But the truth is that Indian women work very hard, but their work is not paid for. Most household work is considered “women’s tasks” like cleaning, caring, cooking, fetching–water and firewood. In rural areas, some of the most back-breaking tasks in the field are given to women. Yet, even as women do all this, their contribution is not counted as “work” at all.

(A) Say whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) :

- (i) The passage tells us about work men do.
- (ii) *The New York Times* article brings into focus a problem.
- (iii) India ranks very high in the list for women’s work participation.
- (iv) Women are not paid for the many housework they do.
- (v) Light and easy jobs are given to women in the villages.

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(B) Give short answers to the following questions :

- (i) Give a suitable title for the passage in three or four words.
- (ii) What does the headline of the newspaper say ? It is true ?
- (iii) Why does the world think that Indian women are not working ?
- (iv) Name *four* tasks that are considered “women’s tasks”.
- (v) What are the tasks that women in rural areas have to do ?

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3. (A) Prefixes have been given in Column A. Write one word that use the prefix in

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Column B :

Prefix : Column A	Words : Column B
Un-	
In-	
Im-	
Dis-	
De-	

(B) Fill in the blanks in the sentences below using the correct words from the box :

Champion	Stadium	Coach	Supporters	Players
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I think a live sports events is made exciting because of They
 spend time and money to watch the Like the,
 they begin to advise their favourite players how to play. The is
 filled with the noise and excitement they bring. The feels like a
 king when he lifts the trophy.

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4. (A) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using much/many :

(i) I haven't got time.

(ii) I haven't been to Rajni's house for years.

(iii) Did people turn up for Tarun's party ?

(iv) I wasn't very hungry. I didn't eat

(v) We haven't got petrol in the car.

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(B) Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets :

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(i) Excuse me, you know the way to go to Rajiv Chowk ? (do)

(ii) What you this evening ? Let's see a movie. (do)

(iii) Listen ! Someone Let's be quiet.

(sing)

(iv) Lata Mangeshkar like a nightingale.

(sing)

(v) Meena to office today.

(walk)

(C) Fill in the blanks with must/had to/needn't :

(i) You go. You can stay here if you want.

(ii) It's a fantastic film. You see it.

(iii) We didn't have any food yesterday, so we go shopping.

(iv) Today we have a lot of food. You carry some home for dinner.

(v) We decide now. We can decide later.

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5. You have just returned from a trip/play/musical concert. Your mother/father asks you about it. Write the dialogue that the two of you have. You can begin :

Mother : Hello Did you like the ?

You :

Write at least 5 responses.

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6. Write a short essay of at least **150** words on any *one* of the following topics :

(a) Is education all about passing exams ?

(b) Is technology making us impatient ?

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