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Name of the Paper : English A (Advanced English)

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Attempt All questions.

1. Answer any *five* of the following questions in about **30-50** words each : 5×2=10
- (1) Where and when is the story 'Maniben alias Bibijaan' set?
 - (2) What is the central incident in the play 'Her Name is Bharati' which is not shown on the stage ?
 - (3) Why does the writer of 'Our Muddled Generation' call today's young men and women 'muddled' ?
 - (4) In 'Photographing Mother' why are the brothers so keen to get a photograph of their mother taken ?
 - (5) Why was Kedia angry with Roop Singh ?
 - (6) As a little girl Maniben wanted to marry Gandhiji. What does this tell us about Maniben ?
 - (7) How are dialogues different from descriptions ?

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2. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about **75-100** words each : 2×5=10

- (1) What special effort should you make while writing for examinations ?
- (2) Why does the writer call Roop Singh only a 'minor character of this world' ?
- (3) What was the concept of friendship in the age of *Mahabharata* ?
- (4) Can all the women in the play 'Her Name is Bharati' be seen as victims ?

3. Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow :

Today, at 63, Subhash Chandra Bose is one of the oldest professional motorbike racers in India. He has the unique distinction of having participated in every major motorcycle race in the country. "When I ride a bike, I feel alive. It makes me feel younger. Even at this age, it gives me confidence because I know the amount of skill and confidence it takes", he says. The sight of him vrooming away on his Royal Enfield Bullet is so familiar that, over the years, he has come to be known as Bullet Bose.

Despite having retired from active racing in 2007, he rides across the country, travelling on difficult routes such as his 2010 trip to the Indo-China border in Arunachal Pradesh and another trip to the Khardung La pass in Ladakh, the highest motorable road in the world. "People don't understand why someone would give up the comfort of a car, with air-conditioning and shelter from the sun. But a biker wants to be one with the environment and feel every aspect of it", he says.

While most people believe that biking is about male bonding, a fledgling sisterhood is also ready to take off. Labdhi Shah is a 27-year old corporate law consultant, who deals with case studies and clients through the week. Over the weekend, her Harley Davidson motorbike offers her the opportunity to transform herself into a biking enthusiast. 10

Questions :

- (i) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.
 - (ii) How did Subhash Chandra come to be known as Bullet Bose ?
 - (iii) Why do some people prefer the bike to travelling by car ?
 - (iv) Why does Bose enjoy biking so much ?
 - (v) List some of the different places Bose has visited on his bike.
4. Complete the sentence given below by choosing the most appropriate preposition given in brackets : 10
- (i) The fault _____ (with/of) our computers was rectified yesterday.
 - (ii) A representative _____ (from/in) all the departments should be present at the meeting.
 - (iii) A list of items _____ (for/of) discussion at the meeting has been circulated.
 - (iv) The minutes _____ (of/from) the meeting are an important record.
 - (v) Walking _____ (in/into) the room, she found the light was bright.

(vi) I hope to hear (from/by) you soon.

(vii) Various members of the committee were talking _____ (among/between) themselves.

(viii) Is there a book _____ (in/from) which I can find this information ?

(ix) I would be grateful if you would deal _____ (with/over) this matter urgently.

(x) Could you help me _____ (at/with) my homework ?

5. (a) Choose one of the items in the box below to complete these sentences : 5

<p>he is/will be ready to take over the job</p> <p>he can/could film his holiday</p> <p>he can/could contact me</p> <p>it is/was always in the sun</p> <p>we can/could hear the door bell</p>

(i) I gave Arpan my telephone number so that _____ .

(ii) Ishwar has bought a video camera so that _____ .

(iii) We have planted the bush in the middle of the garden so that _____ .

(iv) We had to turn down the television so that _____ .

(v) He is going to have a period of training after which _____ .

(b) Complete the sentences with 'when' or 'while' as the case may be : 5

- (i) _____ I start the car, smoke comes out of the engine.
- (ii) I was about to sleep _____ the lights went out.
- (iii) My mother went shopping _____ I completed my homework.
- (iv) My father took me to the circus _____ I was a little girl.
- (v) _____ she was playing chess, her friend went to the market.

(c) Complete these sentences with one of the verbs given in the box. If necessary, change the form of the verb and add an 'it' to it. 5

consider, enjoy, find, leave, notice, remember

Ex. She found it impossible to make a living from her paintings.

- (1) Have you _____ that Jane has got new glasses ?
- (2) I _____ when she dances. She moves so gracefully.
- (3) When she got to work she _____ that she had left the cooker on at home.
- (4) We _____ essential to finish the building before winter.
- (5) I don't think we should _____ to the politicians to make the decisions for us.

- 6 Write a short dialogue between a father and his son. The son wants to go to Goa for a college trip which the father does not want. Write *five* turns for each of them. 10
7. Write an essay of about **200** words on any *one* of the topics : 10
- (i) How to prepare for examinations
 - (ii) The generation gap
 - (iii) Friendship.