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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (A)—Paper II

(Advanced 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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Attempt All questions.

1. Answer any five in about 30-50 words each :  $5 \times 2 = 10$ 
  - (i) Do you think Harish will make a good husband to Renu ?

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(ii) Do you agree that the ability to write grammatically correct sentences is one of the chief requirements for good, effective writing ?

(iii) Why do you think theatre is very important to Barry John ?

(iv) How is Anita Satpute different from her own parents in her attitude towards her children ?

(v) Do you think that it is wrong to want to make a lot of money ?

(vi) Why, do you think, is Kedia angry with Roop Singh ?

(vii) Why is the photograph of the mother important to the sons in "Photographing Mother" ?

2. Answer any *two* in about 75-100 words each :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

(i) Is the play "Her Name is Bharti" about the violence inherent in our society ? Discuss.

(ii) What are some of the things to be kept in mind while answering examination questions ?

(iii) Who is the narrator referring to when he calls his story "Leader of Men" ? In what way is that person the leader of men ?

(iv) How can our education system be improved ?

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

Religions have helped greatly in the development of humanity. They have laid down values and standards and have pointed out principles for the guidance of human life. But with all the good they have done, they have also tried to imprison truth in set forms and dogmas, and encouraged ceremonies and practices which soon lose all their original meaning and become mere routine. While impressing upon man the awe and mystery of the unknown that surrounds him on all sides, they have discouraged him from trying to understand not only the unknown but what might come in way of social effort. Instead of encouraging curiosity

and thought, they have preached a philosophy of submission to nature, to the established church, to the prevailing social order, and to everything that is. The belief in a supernatural agency which ordains everything has led to a certain irresponsibility on the social plane, and emotion and sentimentality have taken the place of reasoned thought and inquiry. Religion, though it has undoubtedly brought comfort to innumerable human beings and stabilized society by its values, has checked the tendency to change and progress inherent in human society.

Philosophy has avoided many of these pitfalls and encouraged thought and inquiry. But it has usually lived in its own ivory tower cut off from life and its day-to-day problems, concentrating on ultimate purposes and failing to link them with the life of man. Logic and reason were its guides and they took it far in many directions, but that logic was too much the product of the mind and unconcerned with fact.

Science ignored the ultimate purposes and looked at fact alone. It made the world jump forward with a leap, built up a glittering civilization, opened up innumerable avenues for the growth of knowledge, and added to the power of man to such an extent that for the first time it was possible to conceive that man could triumph over and shape his physical environment. Man became almost a geological force, changing the face of the planet Earth chemically, physically and in many other ways. Yet when this sorry scheme of things entirely seemed to be in his grasp, to mould it to his heart's desire, there was some essential lack and some vital element missing. There was no knowledge of ultimate purposes and not even an understanding of the immediate purpose, for science has told us nothing about any purpose in life. Nor did man, so powerful in his control of nature, have the power to control himself, and the monster he had created ran amok. Perhaps new developments in biology, psychology and

similar sciences, and interpretations of biology and physics, may help man to understand and control himself more than he has done in the past. Or, before any such advances influence human life sufficiently, man may destroy the civilization he has built and have to start anew.

(a) How has religion helped in the development of humanity ? 2

(b) How is philosophy cut off from the day-to-day problems of life ? 2

(c) How can man understand and control himself better than he has done in the past ? 2

(d) In how many ways did man change the face of planet earth ? 2

(e) Give one word for the following :

(i) to put someone in jail;

(ii) that which is not controlled by physical powers or laws. 2

4. (a) Provide the correct homophone word similar in sound but different in meaning for the words given

below :

1/2×10=5

heal, mail, heir, write, tale, accept, would, waste, carrier, wait.

- (b) Fill in the blanks using the correct idioms and phrases. You might have to change the construction of some to fit in with the sentences : 5

not child's play, a sorry state, no sooner did he, taken for granted, never an option.

(i) .....speak up, he realized that he had committed a mistake.

(ii) It is usually.....that the rich lead a luxurious life.

(iii) I love playing cricket. Giving it up to concentrate on my studies was.....for me.

- (iv) After a lot of effort at learning mountaineering he realized that it was.....
- (v) The audit team found that the accounts of the company were in.....
5. (a) Fill-in the blanks with the right quantifier from the words given/below :  $1/2 \times 10 = 5$
- Some, a lot of, a few, many, little, hardly, several, no, enough, much.
- (i) I think we should buy.....new furniture for the house.
- (ii) We have.....cane chairs but.....decent sofa set.
- (iii) Do you think that we have.....money to buy a car ?
- (iv) There were.....people wanting to get into the shop as there was a sale on.

- (v) There was.....food at the party.
- (vi) He did not offer me.....help in my  
hour of need.
- (vii) There is.....any chance of her  
remarrying after her divorce.
- (viii) .....people were washed away in the  
recent floods.
- (ix) He has.....hope of going abroad.

(b) From the words given below fill in the blanks  
with suitable prepositions :  $1/2 \times 10 = 5$

inside, in, to, with, into, at, across, of, at, for.

- (i) When I went to Agra I ran.....an old  
school friend.
- (ii) The police found a dead body which was  
hidden.....a gunny bag.

- (iii) As it is very late I do not want.....be  
disturbed.
- (iv) She met.....an accident and is seriously  
injured.
- (v) Ravi has been living in Mumbai.....the  
last five years. .
- (vi) He prefers to write exams.....ink.
- (vii) The passenger train stopped.....only a  
few stations.
- (viii) The Cake was made.....chocolate, eggs,  
flour, butter and sugar.
- (ix) I have yet to come.....a man like him.
- (x) The patient died.....cancer.
- (c) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :  $1/2 \times 10 = 5$
- (i) I am playing.....role of Radha in the  
school play.

- (ii) .....Himalayas are the highest mountain range of India.
- (iii) Vinod was run over by.....truck.
- (iv) .....apple a day keeps the doctor away.
- (v) Rome was not built in.....day.
- (vi) It was reported that there was..... earthquake yesterday.
- (vii) Is the biography of Gandhiji..... interesting one ?
- (viii) Sheela has very high fever, could it be..... viral infection ?
- (ix) .....man whose dog bit me is British.
- (x) I can't find.....auto and I don't know what to do.

6. (a) Imagine you are Anita Satpute. Write about your life in two paragraphs.

*Or*

Suppose you are Mr. Kedia of "Leader of Men".

Write a letter to your friend apologizing for what happened on the day when he visited you. 10

- (b) Write a short essay (about 250-300 words) on our education system and how it can be improved.

*Or*

Provide a short sketch (about 250-300 words) of your father and the work he does. 10