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B.A. (PROGRAMME)/II/III A
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – C – Paper II
(Basic English)

**(Admissions of 2005/2006 and onwards in respect of
students of Regular Colleges/NCWEB)**

**[Meant for students who have not
studied English beyond Class VIII]**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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question paper.)*

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Attempt all the questions.

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

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 that 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 a 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.

I don't know from where I got this determination. I knew that I wanted to make something of myself. I just decided, at the age of 17, that I wanted to become a pilot. When I went to New Zealand, it was only the second time I'd even seen a cockpit. My eldest brother had supported me in this, because you need money for the training, but practically everyone else was against it. They all used to tell my mother. "She's just passing time, she's making a fool out of you,

she'll just waste money and come back". But my mother had told me: "I'm trusting you, don't break my trust".

(a) Answer the following questions briefly :

- (i) Why did the writer wish to become a pilot ?
- (ii) Was it easy for her to fulfill her desire ? If not, why ?
- (iii) How was her life at home different from that of her sisters ?
- (iv) Which members of her family supported her and how ?

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(b) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) :

- (i) The writer saw a lady pilot when she was ten years old.
- (ii) Her mother wanted her to be a doctor.
- (iii) She decided to become a pilot when she was seventeen years old.
- (iv) Both her parents were against her becoming a pilot.

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(c) Find words from the passage which mean :

- (i) full of surprise and wonder
- (ii) full of danger and excitement
- (iii) the part of a plane where the pilot sits

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2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :

I had the most terrifying experience of my life two years ago when I was a newcomer to the city. I was working as a deliveryman for Dominio's Pizza, and I had to make a night delivery. The neighbourhood I went to looked isolated, with almost no lights on at all.

After I delivered the pizza, I started back to the car with the money in my hand. As soon as I stepped out of the apartment building, a tall man suddenly stood in my way and tried to grab the money, saying with a rough voice, "Give me the money !" I stepped back, but then I felt someone behind me grabbing me around the neck. I was trapped. The first guy threatened me again and kept demanding the money. However, I could not talk because the other guy was squeezing my throat. I was very frightened because I knew that I couldn't fight them.

Of course, they took the money, which was about fifty-five dollars. Before they left, though, they pushed me down onto the sidewalk. Somehow, I made it back to my car and drove away.

The fear from that night will always stay with me, but the experience taught me how to act in this kind of situation. The key is to keep cool and to stay away from isolated places at night.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly :

- (i) What job did the narrator take up when he came to the city ?

(ii) What happened after he had delivered the pizza ?

(iii) Why was he not able to talk when the first guy threatened him ?

(iv) What lesson did he learn from this incident ?

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(b) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) :

(i) The narrator had been living in the city for many years.

(ii) The pizza had to be delivered at night.

(iii) The narrator was bold and was not frightened.

(iv) He was able to drive the car after the incident.

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(c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate words from the passage :

(i) The neighbourhood the narrator went to looked _____ with almost no lights on at all.

(ii) They took all his money which was about _____ and pushed him onto the _____.

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3. (a) Match the words/phrases in column – A with their meanings in column – B :

(A)	(B)
(i) come of age	(a) unique
(ii) out of spite	(b) extremely upsetting and Shocking
(iii) without parallel	(c) to do something deliberately to hurt others
(iv) at large	(d) in general
(v) traumatic	(e) to reach an important stage of maturity

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- (b) Form nouns from the following verbs :
communicate, inform, determine, clarify, realize

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- (c) Given below are some sounds. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with an appropriate word, making changes in the form of the word where necessary :

crash, rustle, jingle, splash, roar

- (i) The place in the countryside was very quiet; we could hear the _____ of leaves in the wind.
- (ii) The plates fell on the floor with a _____.
- (iii) He jumped into the swimming pool with a great _____.
- (iv) The engine of the car _____ so loudly that we woke up with a start.
- (v) The bells round the cattle _____ when they moved.

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4. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with

am / is / are / was / were

- (i) I _____ never ill because I look after my health.
- (ii) They _____ usually at home in the evenings.
- (iii) It _____ often very cold here in winter.
- (iv) When I _____ a child, I was always late for school.
- (v) There _____ hundreds of people waiting at the airport last week.
- (vi) Both Neha and Mona _____ good friends.

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- (b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with

to / in / at / on / into

- (i) He jumped _____ the water.
- (ii) I like reading _____ bed.
- (iii) I must go _____ the bank today.
- (iv) I'm not going out this afternoon. I'm staying _____ home.

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(c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with

a / an / the

- (i) Don't forget to turn off _____ light when you go out.
- (ii) Canada is _____ very big country.
- (iii) Is there _____ hotel near here ?
- (iv) Leena is _____ youngest student.
- (v) Jane is _____ interesting person.
You must meet her.

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5. Write a paragraph of about 100 words expressing appreciation for the things you have in life and are grateful for. Try to use adjectives like -

beautiful, comfortable, attractive, wonderful.

lovable, pretty, easy, luxurious

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6. You see an advertisement for the post of an Assistant Manager for Infosys Pvt. Ltd. in the Hindustan Times dated 25th March, 2010. Write an application for the job to the Personnel Manager of the company giving your complete bio-data.

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