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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (C)—Paper II

(Basic English)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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Attempt All questions.

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

One of Tendulkar's greatest admirers was the greatest of them all, Sir Donald Bradman. In April 2002 in the West

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Indies, the Holy Grail of batting, Bradman's mark of 29 centuries was equaled by his heir apparent. In February 1996, during a television interview Gavaskar 'threatened' to 'Personality throttle' Tendulkar if his prediction of 40 Test centuries and 15000 runs for his fellow Mumbaikar did not come true. These awesome figures are now well within the realm of possibility. Since its international debut in 1932, Indian cricket has been blessed with at least one towering figure for each decade. The 30s belonged to K.C. Nayudu, India's first captain; the 40s were the Vijay Merchant's decade; the 50s saw the domination of the all-rounder Vinod Mankad; in the 60s it was 'Tiger Pataudi' who gave a new dimension to Indian cricket with his astute captaincy; 70s

belonged to Sunil Gavaskar and the 80s to Kapil Dev. Sachin Tendulkar made his Test debut in 1989 at the age of 16. He crossed 1000 runs and scored 5 Test centuries before the end of his teens. Since then he had dominated not only Indian cricket, but the world game as well. And that domination has gone beyond one decade.

- (a) Answer the following questions briefly : 8
- (i) When did Sachin star playing international cricket ?
 - (ii) What does the expression 'the Holy Grail of batting' mean here ?
 - (iii) Can you guess who was the towering figure for 1990s ?
 - (iv) What were Gavaskar's expectations from Sachin ?

(b) Decide whether the following statements are true (T)

or false (F) :

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(i) Sir Donald Bradman was not the admirer of Sachin Tendulkar.

(ii) Indian cricket has been blessed with at least one towering figure for each decade.

(iii) The 30s did not belong to K.C. Nayudu.

(iv) Sachin Tendulkar made his Test debut in 1989 at the age of 18.

(c) Find synonyms of the following words from the

passage :

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(i) Tremendous

(ii) Gigantic

(iii) Supremacy.

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

Today, Mike and his mom are going to the library. Mike wants to find a book to read. His mom wants to use a computer there. When they get to the library, Mike finds a book about detectives. He also finds a book with chapters about a friendly ghost. Finally, he finds a book about a man who lives in the woods without food or water. He puts the books on the front desk and waits for his mom. Mike's mom sits at one of the computers in the library. She checks her e-mail and looks at pictures of flowers on the internet. Then she reads a news article on a website.

Mike's mom leaves the computer and walks over to Mike, holding up something out for him. Mike looks at her quizzically.

It takes him a moment to recognize what she is holding. "I

got that movie for us to watch tonight.” says Mike’s mom.

“Are you ready to leave ?”

“Sure,” Mike says, now holding the movie out in front of him. He reads the cover while walking back to the library entrance. He puts his books and the movie on the front desk to check out. A librarian stands behind the counter holding an electronic scanner. “How long can we keep them ?” Mike asks her.

“Three weeks,” says the librarian.

“Cool,” says Mike.

Suddenly, Mike is surprised. His mother is checking out something else that is too big to put on the desk. It’s a picture of the ocean.

“What is that for ?” Mike asks.

“To put on our wall at home,” says Mike’s mom.

“You can do that?” Mike asks.

Mike's mom smiles at the librarian. "Yes," she says, "but we have to return it in three months."

(a) Answer the following questions briefly : 8

(i) How long can Mike and his mother use the books and movies ?

(ii) What does Mike's mom want to do with the picture of the ocean ?

(iii) What did Mike and his mom do in the library ?

(iv) What does a librarian do in the library ?

(b) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) : 4

(i) Mike does not want to find a book to read.

- (ii) A librarian stands behind the counter holding an electronic scanner.
- (iii) Mike's mom sits at one of the computers in the library.
- (iv) Mike finds a book about detectives and a friendly ghost.
- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate words from the passage : 3
- (i) I could not.....my friend at the railway station.
- (ii) We played a.....cricket match in the college today.
- (iii) A person whose occupation is to investigate and solve crimes is called..... .

3. (a) Match the words given in column A with their meanings given in column B : 5

Column A**Column B**

harm

nice-looking

radiant

departure

farewell

glowing

thump

damage

Attractive

punch

- (b) Form nouns from the following verbs : 5

Maintain, construct, destroy, speak, correct.

- (c) Match the words in column A with their opposites in column B : 5

Column A**Column B**

Noisy

reveal

Salary

gentle

Conceal

incompetent

Efficient

quiet

Cruel

wages

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

am, are, do, did, were, has :

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(i)you know Amitabh well ?

(ii) The girl who I love.....dimples on her
cheeks.

(iii) My sister and I.....planning to go to
Kashmir this summer.

(iv)I had to tell you to go to college
when it is a holiday ?

(v) My friends.....angry with me for not
giving them a treat.

(vi)you believe in God ?

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

on, from, upon, at :

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(i) Once.....a time, there lived a king and
a queen.

(ii) Meet me.....11 o'clock.....
Saturday.

(iii) The bus started.....Chandigarh at 5 in
the morning.

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

a, an, the, some :

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Meena lived in.....village near.....sea. One
day.....ostrich came knocking at her door.

.....ostrich called, "Meena ! Meena ! Get
me.....milk."

5. Write a letter to a friend in Hyderabad describing the cold winters you enjoyed in Delhi. You must write about the weather, clothes you wear and food you eat in winter. 5

6. Write a short essay of **150-200** words about the changes the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has brought into the lives of Delhites. 10