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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE (B)—Paper II**

**(Intermediate 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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1. (A) Based on your knowledge of the text, say whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) : 10
- (i) To understand 'word stress' we must know what a syllable is.
  - (ii) The word 'Saturday' has five syllables.
  - (iii) Good turn taking depends on good manners and careful listening.
  - (iv) Listening is a natural part of growing up.
  - (v) In good conversation we avoid needless detail and repetition.
  - (vi) We must listen not just to the words but also the hidden meaning.

- (vii) The standard US rate of speaking 120 words in a minute is what Indian BPO workers have to learn.
- (viii) Rules of Modesty say that we should praise others and not ourselves.
- (ix) The falling tone is used to indicate that the sentence is incomplete.
- (x) Teachers often start the reading class by explaining the meaning of difficult words.

Answer any 5 of the following questions briefly : 10

- (i) What are the common topics people talk about while socializing ?
- (ii) What are linkers ? Give 2 examples.

(iii) What do we do while asking for favours ?

(iv) Do all cultures show politeness in the same way ? Give 1 example.

(v) Why is listening not taught in schools ?

(vi) What makes good writing good ?

(vii) How can you improve your vocabulary ?

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

Jotting down a shopping list, writing a birthday card, taking down a phone message, completing a form at the bank ....

handwriting is part of our daily lives. It is on show to others and may be used to make judgments about us.

In recent years, modern technology has dramatically changed the way we communicate through writing. However, despite the increased use of computers for writing, the skill of handwriting remains important in education, employment and in everyday life.

Time devoted to the teaching and learning of letter formation in the early years will pay off. Legible writing that can be produced comfortably, at speed and with little conscious effort allows a child to attend to the higher-level aspects of writing composition and content. This is important when assessments are based on written work, particularly in time-limited written examinations, which remain a major form of assessment for many formal qualifications. Without fast and legible handwriting, students may miss out academically.

Beyond formal education, most employment situations will involve at least some handwriting. Thus, handwriting with pen and paper still has an important role from early childhood through our adult lives. But more and more, people are shifting from paper to electronic modes of communication. Interestingly though, many personal computers now have handwriting recognition capability so that handwriting as means of interacting with computers is becoming more common. It seems, therefore, that even in this modern age, handwriting remains an important skill for communication.

Say whether the following sentences are True (T) or False

(F) :

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(i) The passage is about modern technology

- (ii) Handwriting is of little use in the world of work and study.
- (iii) Learning to write well is a waste of time.
- (iv) Writing remains an important requirement in examinations.
- (v) Computers too can read handwriting.

Answer the following questions briefly :

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- (i) List some uses of handwriting in everyday life.
- (ii) What does handwriting reveal about us ?
- (iii) How is handwriting used by computers ?
- (iv) How can handwriting affect a student's result ?
- (v) What changes have come in the field of writing ?

3. (A) Study the short dialogues given below. Match what A says in Column A with an appropriate response from B in column B : 5

Column A	Column B
(i) Hi ! Are you new here ? I'm Deepa from Gargi College	(a) It was nice talking to you too. Bye !
(ii) When do you think they will begin ?	(b) Sure. I hope it fits !
(iii) Hi ! Can I borrow your suit ? I have an interview tomorrow	(c) You mean my name ? Trevor Martin. You call me Trevor. T-R-E-V-O-R
(iv) Sorry ! I didn't get that	(d) No idea ! Why don't we have a round of coffee till then ?
(v) It was nice talking to you	(e) Hi ! Pleased to meet you. I'm Vivek from Hindu.



- (B) Complete the following sentences using the most appropriate word from the bracket. Rewrite all sentences and underline the words you have filled in: 5

(i) Reena is so ..... that people do not take her seriously.

(casual/formal/friendly)

(ii) I'm sick and tired of kids running ..... and shouting all day. (round/around/out)

(iii) 'Well', 'You know' are fillers we use in ..... language.

(spoken/written/both)

(iv) ..... are an important part of written texts because they help us to organize our ideas well. (Sentences/Idioms/Paragraphs)

(v) We use the falling tone in English for ..... (orders/requests/surprise)

4. (A) Put in a/an/some where necessary. If no word is necessary, leave the space empty (-) : 5.

(i) I've seen ..... good films recently.

(ii) What's the matter with you ? Have you got ..... headache ?

(iii) I know a lot of young people. Most of them  
are ..... students.

(iv) When I was ..... child, I was  
very shy.

(v) Would you like to be .....  
engineer when you grow up ?

(B) Complete these sentences using can't or couldn't +  
one of these verbs. An example has been done for  
you :

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eat, decide, find, go, sleep, speak
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Example : Suman was very tired but she couldn't sleep.

(i) Kiran didn't get the job because she  
..... good English.

(ii) I ..... whether to buy this purse or not.

(iii) I wasn't hungry last night. So I .....  
my dinner.

(iv) Usually I ..... for late night films  
because I have to go to work early.

(v) I wanted to return her book to Radha but I  
..... her in college.

5. Complete the short turns of dialogue given below. One  
example has been done for you : 10

*Example* : A : Do you live here ?

B : Yes. Why don't you come in and meet my  
sister ?

(i) A : Do you use the Metro to go to college ?

B : .....

(ii) A : I don't really want to attend this class.

B : .....

(iii) A : Can you tell me how to reach the nearest Metro  
Station ?

B : .....

(iv) A : I heard that you were looking for a job.

B : .....

(v) A : I saw a little child begging on the road. I felt so  
sad !

B : .....

6. You have to take part in a Turncoat Debate—a debate on which you speak both for and against the topic : 10

Choose any *one* topic and write one paragraph for 'for' and one paragraph for 'against' the topic :

- (i) It is important to cast your vote.
- (ii) Self help is the best help.