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Name of the Paper : English A (Advanced English)

Name of the Course : B.A. (Programme), English Language—A

Semester : VI

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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All questions are compulsory.

Follow instructions strictly.

(Fluency in English II)

1. Answer any *five* questions in about **30-35** words each : 5×2=10
- (i) What are the sons trying to wipe out from the mother's life in the poem 'Photographing Mother' ?
- (ii) What according to Dinesh Kumar is the sole objective of the young generation ?
- (iii) How was Roop Singh different from the other guards in 'The Leader of Men' ?
- (iv) In 'Writing for Examinations', what do the students depend on during examinations that the writer considers most unwise ?

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(v) Who is Sejal in 'Maniben alias Bibijaan' ? What secret does she learn about Maniben ?

(vi) What role do the police play in dealing with the mob brutality against Bharati in 'Her Name is Bharati' ?

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

(i) Briefly describe the circumstances that lead to the nervous breakdown on Roop Singh in the story 'The Leader of Men'.

(ii) How is the literature produced in the Bhakti period different from the *Mahabharata* ?

(iii) What change is seen in Maniben's behaviour before and after the television set is brought into her home in 'Maniben alias Bibijaan' ?

(iv) Do you think that the play 'Her Name is Bharati' is a critique of the conditioning and exploitation of women by patriarchy ?

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 5×2=10

Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University Bill 2012 seeks to establish an agricultural varsity whose jurisdiction will extend to the Bundelkhand region that covers seven districts in Uttar Pradesh and six in Madhya Pradesh. Initially, it would establish two colleges in Jhansi.

The key objectives of the university will be to impart education in different branches of agriculture and allied sciences, undertake research in agriculture and programmes of extension education in Bundelkhand region, and to promote linkages with national and international educational institutes.

The land is very infertile and arid in the Bundelkhand region. Therefore it is very important to carry out research that promotes dry farming in the region.

The bill was passed by the Lok Sabha amid noises and disruptions caused by some members who were demanding a special status for Bihar. Some MPs trooped near the speaker's podium while raising the issue and kept shouting slogans. The issue was first raised during the zero hour and it was pointed out that there is no IIT, IIM and National Law University in Bihar.

Questions :

- (i) What will be the jurisdiction of the new agricultural university ?
- (ii) What will be the main objectives of this university ?
- (iii) Why is the research on dry farming important for Bundelkhand ?
- (iv) What did some MPs do in the Lok Sabha ?
- (v) What kind of institutions Bihar does not have ?

4. Fill in the blanks with the *correct* option chosen from those given in brackets : 10

Later on I learnt from Munna, my servant, that his name was Roop. Munna
 (telling/told) me that the other guards did not like him much. After his duties were over,
 he.....(read/reading) books in the guard room. This seemed to Munna as
 subversive.....(behaving/behaviour) but even he agreed that Roop was the
 best.....(secure/security) guard. He was.....(smartness/smart),
 efficient and did his job.....(quite/quietly) and(competition/
 competently). Like the other guards, he.....(subsisting/subsisted)
 on.....(boiled/boiling) rice and potatoes. All this for a.....(ridiculous/
 ridiculing) sum of six hundred rupees a month!

5. (a) Fill in the blanks with the *correct* option chosen from those given in brackets : 5

- (i) He gave up his job so that he.....(could/would) take care of
 his mother.
- (ii) She hid the gifts in order that the children.....(couldn't/wouldn't)
 find them.
- (iii) If the doctor hadn't arrived in time, the patient.....(will have/
 would have) died.

- (iv) If I were in your place, I.....(will/would) attend the party.
- (v) If it rains tomorrow, we.....(will/would) cancel the match.
- (b) Fill in the blanks with the *correct* option chosen from those given in brackets : 5
- (i) After losing the match, we sat gloomily,.....(while/meanwhile) the winning team was celebrating.
- (ii) I will not accept this offer of appointment,.....(even though/however) it is quite tempting.
- (iii) He was a hard working student,,.....(however/yet) he failed in the examinations.
- (iv) We have been working together for several years,(however/ yet) we hardly know one another.
- (v) I couldn't convince the teacher about my sincerity,,..... (although/however) much I tried.
- (c) Fill in the blanks by using the *correct* form of the verbs given in the brackets : 5
- (i) I.....(meet) the Principal of the college yesterday to discuss the problems of students.

- (ii) Have you.....(speak) to the Director of the institute ?
- (iii) It has been a long time since I last.....(see) Rajnikanth in Chennai.
- (iv) I.....(wait) for his telephone call since morning.
- (v) I did not.....(go) to my office last week.

6. You request your father to give you ten Housand rupees for purchasing a smartphone but he thinks that your present handset is good enough for at least one more year. You manage to convince him that a smartphone is absolutely necessary for you. Write a brief dialogue between you and your father. Write *five* turns for each one of you. 10
7. Write an essay of about **200** words on any *one* of the topics : 10
- (i) Health and fitness
 - (ii) Travelling as a hobby
 - (iii) Environmental pollution.